

# SNAP

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(Previously known as Food Stamps)

### Who is eligible for SNAP?

Children, families and adults with limited-income may qualify. This includes seniors, college students, and refugees. You can apply for benefits even if you are living in a group home or are homeless. SNAP eligibility is mainly determined by income and household size. SNAP recipients must be US citizens or permanent legal residents.

### Is SNAP only for families with children?

No, you do not have to have kids to receive SNAP.

### Do I have to get fingerprinted to receive SNAP benefits?

No, fingerprints are not required.

### Can I get SNAP if I receive other benefits?

Yes, you can receive other benefits like WIC, food boxes, and Medicaid. Social Security participants in the Food Distribution Program (FDPIR), and those on Tribal Reservations who participate in FDPIR are not eligible to receive SNAP.

### Are there special rules for persons with disabilities?

Special rules may apply to people who have received a designation of disability from a government entity, like Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Act, or the Veterans Affairs (VA). Contact a SNAP eligibility worker for your specific situation.

### I live with my parents. Can I receive SNAP?

If you are 22 or older and you buy and prepare more than half your meals, you can apply for your own benefits. If you are under 22, you must apply with your parents.

### I am under 18 years old and homeless. I do not live with my parents. Can I apply for SNAP?

You can apply on your own if you do not live with your parents.

### I am not a US Citizen. Are my citizen children eligible for SNAP?

Yes. You will need to provide verification of each child's citizenship. You do not need to answer questions about your own citizenship status, but you must provide information about your income.

### What if I don't want people to see me using SNAP?

SNAP dollars are loaded onto an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card once a month. An EBT card looks just like a regular debit card. It's discreet and easy to use.

### I was convicted of a felony. Can I receive SNAP?

Yes. You may have to follow certain rules if you were convicted of a felony (after August 23, 1996) that involved use, possession, or distribution of a controlled substance. Contact a SNAP eligibility worker for your specific situation.

### Can I use SNAP at restaurants?

If you are homeless or not able to cook, you may qualify for the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP). Restaurants that participate in RMP will have a sign in the window that says "EBT Accepted Here".

### Do I need to have a job or look for a job to get SNAP?

It depends. Most adults under the age of 60 have to be employed or look for a job. College students may be eligible if they work parttime or are in training. Contact a SNAP eligibility worker for your specific situation.

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### Will my citizenship or residency application be affected if I apply?

If you are a refugee, asylee, survivor of trafficking, domestic violence, VAWA self-petitioner, special immigrant juvenile, or current green-card holder applying for US citizenship, using SNAP benefits should NOT impact your citizenship application. If you do not fall into one of these classes, SNAP use by you or a citizen child may impact your citizenship application. If you have concerns or questions, it's best to consult an immigration attorney.

### I heard that you can only get \$16 a month. Is that true?

It depends on your income and family size. Many people get about \$120 a month. Some people get only \$16, but these funds can be rolled over from month-to-month. It is a great way to supplement your food budget.

### What information will I need to apply?

- Proof of your identity
- Proof of income
- Birth certificate and social security card for everyone in your household
- Proof of citizenship or legal residence in the US
- Documentation of any medical or child care expenses.

*Disclaimer: The information in this brochure is valid as of 9/3/2019. If you have any questions or concerns, contact an eligibility worker.*

**I want to apply for or renew my  
SNAP benefits.  
Where can I get help?**

**There are multiple ways to apply  
or renew your SNAP benefits.  
You can:**

Find a SNAP Community Partner in your area at:  
[wildfireaz.org/find-help/snap](http://wildfireaz.org/find-help/snap)

Apply online: [healtharizonaplus.gov](http://healtharizonaplus.gov)

Apply in-person at a DES office:  
Find offices at [des.az.gov](http://des.az.gov)

Visit [arizonaselfhelp.org](http://arizonaselfhelp.org) to find out if you are eligible  
to receive SNAP and other benefits.

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