

Please review the following items before starting the application

- You have the right to submit your application right away. We must accept your application if, at a minimum, it contains your name, address and a signature. This information will establish your application filing date. Completing as much of the application as you can will help us determine your eligibility more quickly. We must interview you for us to determine your eligibility. If you are eligible, benefits are provided from the date of application. You may submit your application at anytime during the process of completing the questions.
- If your income and resources are not enough to cover your monthly rent/mortgage and utilities, or you have very little income or resources, or your household includes a migrant or seasonal farm worker, you may be qualified to receive SNAP benefits within 7 calendar days of the date that you apply for benefits. Your worker will review your circumstances to see if you are qualified for expedited processing of your SNAP application. A process is in place to ensure that benefits will be issued to all SNAP benefits eligible households who meet the standards for expedited service.
- Applicants have the option of not answering those questions that aren't marked with an "S" as these are not required as a condition of eligibility.
- Your application for SNAP will be processed in accordance with SNAP procedures, including timeliness, notice, and fair hearing requirements regardless of whether the application is for SNAP and other programs.
- You may not be denied SNAP benefits solely because you have been denied benefits from other programs. You will get an answer about your application within 30 days of your filing date. Your filing date is the day you sign and submit your application using this website. If you submit your application after your local agency's normal business hours or on a weekend or on a holiday, your filing date is the next business day. Please note filing date is different if the household is in an institution and applying for SNAP and SSI at the same time. In this case, the filing date is the date of release from the institution.
- Household members may choose not to seek benefits and will not be required to answer questions about SSNs, citizenship/immigration information. Household members who are seeking benefits must supply information about SSN's and citizenship or immigration information. The amount of benefits will depend on the number of people requesting benefits, but eligible household members who apply will be able to get benefits even though some people in the household are not seeking benefits. Household members who are not seeking benefits must provide their financial information because it is needed to determine eligibility for persons who are applying.
- You can authorize someone who knows your household circumstances to apply for SNAP benefits for you. You can also authorize someone outside your household to get SNAP for you and to use them to buy food for you or report changes on your behalf. This person is called your Authorized Representative.
- The State uses the Income and Eligibility Verification System. Any information available through this system will be requested, used and may be verified through collateral contacts when discrepancies are found and this information may affect the household's eligibility and level of benefits.
- The collection of information on the application, including the social security number (SSN) of each household member, is authorized under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly the Food Stamp Act), as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036. The information will be used to determine whether your household is eligible or continues to be eligible to participate in the SNAP. We will verify this information through computer matching programs. This information will also be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management. If a SNAP claim arises against your household, the information on this application, including all SSNs, may be referred to Federal and State agencies, as well as private claims collection agencies, for claims collection action.