

SNAP BENEFITS

BASIC INFORMATION

What is SNAP? SNAP (food stamps) helps people purchase food items for their household.

Where can you spend SNAP benefits? In most grocery stores, convenience stores, farmers markets, or other locations that sell ice, water, food, and plants/seeds for growing food.

What items are unable to be purchased with SNAP benefits? Alcohol, tobacco products, household supplies, non-food items, medicines, vitamins, pet foods, and foods that can be consumed in the store.

How much can I receive? It depends on the number of individuals in an applicant's household, the amount of income, and the number of deductions used in the process.

How do I access my SNAP? An EBT card will be mailed to you to purchase items, similar to using a debit card. The card receives benefits between the 5th and 23rd of each month.

How do I renew my SNAP? SNAP is renewed periodically. You'll receive a letter each month that includes follow-up actions with DFCS.

SNAP ELIGIBILITY

The table below shows how much yearly or monthly income (before tax) you can earn to qualify. Even if your income slightly exceeds the limits below, you may still qualify and are encouraged to apply. *Household size is the number of people living together, familial or not, that regularly buy and prepare meals together.

*Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Make Under This Each Year (pre-tax)	\$16,744	\$22,646	\$28,548	\$34,450	\$40,352	\$46,254	\$52,156	\$58,058
Make Under This Each Month (pre-tax)	\$1,395	\$1,887	\$2,379	\$2,871	\$3,363	\$3,855	\$4,346	\$4,838

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Check eligibility.** See eligibility guidelines on chart below.
- 2 Gather documentation.** See required documentation below.
- 3 Submit application.** You can access the application to mail or drop off in-person with DFCS at dfcs.georgia.gov/food-stamps. You can also apply online at gateway.ga.gov/access.
- 4 Answer interview call from DFCS.** A DFCS case manager will contact you in 30 days or sooner, possibly from an unknown number. If you miss a call, follow up as soon as possible (preferred 1 to 2 business days).

DOCUMENTATION

Proof of identity (1): ID, birth certificate, driver's license, health benefits or social services ID, voter registration card, ID card or military ID, collateral contacts (individual who knows you well and can serve as a referral source)

Citizenship or immigrant status (1): Birth certificate, US passport, immigration papers, certificate of citizenship or naturalization, American Indian card, hospital record

Proofs of income: Current pay stubs, Social Security check, bank statement, pension benefit statement, unemployment award letter, child support payment, etc.

Housing and expenses: Rent, mortgage, property tax receipt, utility bills, homeowner insurance, landline or phone bills, childcare receipts, etc.

Unreimbursed medical expenses: If all members of your household are 60 years or older, go to dfcs.georgia.gov/food-stamps-senior-snap for more information

