



Tennessee Department of Human Services Family Assistance Application

THIS BOX DHS USE ONLY

Case #: _____
Date received: _____
County: _____

We will take your application with only your name, address, and signature. But the more you tell us, the faster we can see if you can get help. If you are approved, your benefits may start from the date we receive your application. In most cases you will need to talk with a DHS worker to complete the application process.

You may be able to get SNAP/Food Stamps in 7 days if:

1. Your household's monthly income is less than \$150, and you now have resources of \$100 or less.
2. Your shelter cost (plus utilities) is higher than your monthly income plus savings.
3. You do seasonal farm or migrant work.

If you have a disability that makes it hard for you to fill out or understand this application, we can help. We can call or visit you if you cannot come to our office.

Name		I am applying for: <u> </u> Families First <u> </u> SNAP /Food Stamps		
Home Address		We may use your home or cell phone number to call and remind you of an appointment. We will leave a message if you do not answer.		
City	State	Zip Code	Home Phone	Work Phone Cell/Other Phone
Mailing Address (if different)		We use Social Security Numbers to check that you are who you say you are. We use them to make sure you get the right amount of aid, to change the amount of aid you get, to check other computer and government records, and to make sure you qualify. We check Social Security, IRS, and employment records. We may check Immigration and Naturalization Records. If those records don't match what you say, it may affect whether you can get help and how much cash or food stamps you get. If you give incorrect information on purpose to get help, you may go to jail.		
City	State	Zip Code		
Do you need an interpreter? () Yes () No		By providing Race/Ethnicity information, it helps show if the State is following civil rights laws. Please use the following to indicate race: W = White/ Caucasian, B = Black/African-American, A = Asian, H = Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, I = American Indian/Alaska Native (Your household is not required to give us this information and it will not affect your eligibility or benefit level.)		
If yes, what language? _____		Marital Status: Use one of the following below for each adult member of the household: married, single, divorced, widowed, separated		

List everyone in your household (including self) To add more people, please attach another application or sheet of paper	Is this person applying for benefits? (Yes/No)	(NOT needed if person does not want to receive benefits) For more information, see page 1 of the Statement of Understanding		Sex (M/F)	(Optional) Check box if Hispanic/Latino	(Optional) Race (see above) Enter all that apply	Marital Status (see above)	Date of Birth	Check box if person is pregnant	Check box if person is disabled
		Social Security Number	Check box if U.S. citizen							

I swear under penalty of perjury (making false statements under oath) and all other applicable penalties that the statements made on this application, any attachments, and to whoever interviewed me are true and correct. All persons applying for or receiving aid are U.S. citizens, legal aliens, or eligible immigrants. I understand and agree to the rules and information given to me. If asked, I will give information that proves my statement, or I give DHS permission to get proof. I understand I must report any changes the way DHS tells me to.

Release: The State of Tennessee or people who work for it may need to prove the information I gave is true. By signing this paper, I am saying it is OK to get proof. This will let them decide if I can get Food Stamps or Families First. I am also saying that I have read and understand the Statement of Understanding.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Witness (if signed with an X): _____ Date: _____

Guardian or Authorized Representative: _____ Date: _____

THIS BOX For Families First only: Permission to release school attendance records
 I (client) give permission for the school attendance records of children on this application to be released to the Tennessee Department of Human Services by the Tennessee Department of Education or my child's school. The Department of Human Services will use these records, including social security numbers, to help me meet my Families First responsibilities. The records will be destroyed when they are no longer needed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand I may have one or two authorized representatives:
 _____ may apply for these benefits for me: SNAP/Food Stamp () ; Families First ()
 _____ may use my SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for me () ; may use my Families First benefits for me ()
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 _____ may use my SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for me () ; may use my Families First benefits for me ()

Voter Registration
 Are you registered to vote where you live now? () Yes () No
 Would you like to register to vote? () Yes () No
 Do you want DHS to mail a voter registration form to you? () Yes () No
The benefits you may receive from DHS will not change whether you register to vote or not nor does it keep you from applying for benefits.

Enter information about your household's INCOME in the boxes below. Income includes but is not limited to employment, self-employment, alimony, child support, disability benefits, Social Security/SSI, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment benefits, pensions, stipends, and interest income.

Person with Income taxes/expenses	Source of income (such as job, Social Security, child support)	Monthly amount before taxes/expenses

List any household Resources (cash, checking ,savings, or other bank accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement accounts, trust funds, annuities, or other liquid assets)
 Type: _____ Value:\$ _____ Type: _____ Value:\$ _____
 Type: _____ Value:\$ _____ Type: _____ Value:\$ _____

Any member who breaks any of the rules on purpose can be barred from the SNAP/Food Stamp program for one year to permanently, fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years or both. He or She may also be subject to prosecution under other applicable Federal and State laws. He or she may be barred from the SNAP/Food Stamp program for an additional 18 months if court ordered. Do not trade or sell EBT cards, or use someone else's card.

If you are between 18 to 24 years old, have you ever been in state custody as a child? Yes ___ No ___
Child Care Expenses
 Amount paid per week: \$ _____
 Child care provider name: _____

Shelter Costs
 Rent / Mortgage (circle one)
 Monthly amount: \$ _____
 Gas/Electric \$ _____ per month
 Phone \$ _____ per month

Medical Expenses
 List recurring medical expenses like prescriptions or insurance premiums. These can help you get more Food Stamps if you're elderly or disabled.
 Type: _____ \$ _____ per month
 Type: _____ \$ _____ per month

Child Support Paid
 If you are legally obligated to pay child support payments to or for a child or children enter it here:
 Child: _____ \$ _____ per month
 Child: _____ \$ _____ per month

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Your SNAP/Food Stamp benefits may end if you:
 *Give incorrect information or hide facts to get SNAP benefits;
 *Use someone else's Benefit Security Card without their permission;
 *Buy things with SNAP benefits like beer, cigarettes, or soap or pay on credit accounts.
If you break these rules, you will not get SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for:
 1 year the first time, 2 years the second time, and forever the third time.
If you trade SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for drugs/controlled substances. You can be cut off for:
 2 years the first time and forever the second time.
You'll be cut off the SNAP/Food Stamp Program forever if you're found guilty of:
 *Trading SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for guns, ammunition, or explosives or controlled substances(illegal drugs);
 *Selling SNAP/Food Stamp benefits worth \$500 or more.

Don't give incorrect information about who you are or where you live to receive multiple SNAP/Food Stamp benefits. Giving incorrect information can keep you from getting SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for 10 years.
Federal and/or State Convictions:
 Have you or anyone in your household been found guilty of receiving TANF (cash benefits) or SNAP/Food Stamp benefits from two or more states at the same time?
 Yes ___ No ___
 Has anyone used TANF funds at the following establishments: liquor stores, casinos, poker rooms, adult entertainment business, bingo halls, race tracks, licensed retail stores that derive their largest sales from loose tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and other smoking accessories? (TANF only)
 Yes ___ No ___
 Have you or any household member been convicted of buying or selling SNAP/Food Stamp benefits over \$500? Yes ___ No ___
 Do you or anyone in your household have a felony conviction because of behavior related to the possession, use or distribution of a controlled drug substance after 08/22/96 (SNAP/Food Stamp & TANF)? Yes ___ No ___
 Are you or any member of your household hiding or running from the law to avoid prosecution, being taken into custody, or going to jail, for a felony crime or attempted felony crime, or violating a condition or parole or probation violations?
 Yes ___ No ___
 Have you or any household member been convicted of trading SNAP/Food Stamp benefits for drugs or controlled substance? Yes ___ No ___