

Eligibility Rules

After Applying



Citizenship & Immigration Status >>>

Some people who are not U.S. citizens are eligible for the FSP. These include: refugees, asylees, immigrants whose deportation has been withheld, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Amerasians, some immigrants legally admitted for permanent residence, parolees, aliens granted conditional entry, certain battered spouses and children, Border Crossing Native Americans, certain Iraqi and Afghan immigrants, victims of human trafficking and Hmong or Laotian tribe members.

Social Security Numbers >>>

You will have to provide a Social Security number for every household member, including children, except for undocumented immigrants applying on behalf of others. If any household member, other than an undocumented immigrant does not have a Social Security number, he or she will have to apply for one.

Work Rules >>>

With certain exceptions, able-bodied adults between 16 and 60 years of age must register for work, accept an offer of suitable work, and take part in an employment and training program when referred to one by the local department of social services.

Students >>>

For more information on Eligibility are visit: <http://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program/eligibility-rules/> not eligible rules/ may be able to get FSP benefits.

Finding out if you Qualify >>>

After your interview, the local department will send you a notice. If you do not qualify for FSP benefits, the notice will provide the reason.

If you qualify for benefits, the notice will explain how much food supplement benefits you will get. It will also tell you how many months you can get food supplement benefits before you must reapply.

If you think your application has been wrongly denied or that you have not gotten the correct amount of food supplement benefits, you should tell the office. If they do not agree, you must ask them to have your case reviewed by a fair hearing official. For more information about fair hearings:

<http://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program/your-rights-and-responsibilities>

Receiving Your FSP Benefits >>>

If the office finds that you are eligible, you should get your food supplement benefits no later than **30 days** from the date you first applied. If you have no income (or very little income) for the month and you need help right away, you may qualify for Expedite Food Supplement benefits within 7-days. FSP benefits



Maryland Department of
Human Services

Food
Supplement
Program



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Overview of Maryland Food Supplement

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), called the Food Supplement Program (FSP) in Maryland, *formerly known as Food Stamps*, helps low-income households buy the food they need for good health. Everyone has the right to apply for FSP.

The amount of FSP benefits you can get is based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Maximum Allotment, which is an estimate of how much it costs to buy food to prepare nutritious, low-cost meals for your household.

Applicants must file an application, be interviewed, and meet all financial and technical eligibility factors prior to issuance of FSP benefits. Some people who have little or no money may qualify for

Important Considerations:

Households >>>

The FSP defines a household as a group of people who live together and buy food and prepare meals together. If your household passes the program's eligibility tests, the amount of food benefits you get will depend on the number of people in

income is left after certain expenses are subtracted.

For most households, FSP benefits are only part of their food budgets; they must spend some of their own cash along with their food benefits in order to buy enough food for a month.

Proof >>>

Verification for the following is required:

Income including but not limited to: paystubs, letter from employer or award letter.

Child-support payments, such as a court order and cancelled checks and the legal obligation to pay.

Verification of legal immigrant status for eligible immigrants.

Medical expenses for individuals 60 or older or disabled.

Information which is questionable or conflicting.

Even if some members of your household are not eligible, those who are may be able to get benefits.



Food Supplement Program (FSP) Benefits (food stamps) Information for Marylanders



You may be eligible for FSP

- work for low wages
- are unemployed or work part time
- receive Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) or other public assistance payments
- are elderly or disabled and live on a small income

How to APPLY for FSP benefits

In Person: Your local department of social services will give or mail you an FSP application on the same day you ask for one. You may ask for it in person, over the phone, by mail, or someone else may get one for you. You also have the option to download a SNAP application. The office will accept a signed application form on the same day you turn it in even if they cannot interview you on that day.

Online: You may file an application online at myDHR.

For more information on applying for FSP benefits & to access the online application visit: <http://dhs.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program/applying-for-the-food-supplement-program/>