

SNAP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



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WHAT IS SNAP?

SNAP (food stamps) is a federally funded nutrition program that provides money for groceries. Benefits are loaded onto a card monthly, and can be used at grocery stores, certain corner stores, and participating farmer's markets.

DO I QUALIFY?

Full-time college students who meet the income eligibility requirements (and whose school meal plan covers less than half of their meals) must also meet at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for SNAP:

- Work at least 20 hours/week
- Have a federal work-study position (any amount of hours)
- Have a child under 6
- Have a child under 12 if you are a single parent or childcare is not available
- Receive TANF/cash assistance
- Have a medical barrier to employment
- Be enrolled at a Community College
- Be under 18/over 59 years old

CONTACT US

Need help applying for SNAP?

Residents of Philadelphia, Bucks, or Chester County can contact the SNAP Hotline at **215-430-0556** for assistance with:

SNAP APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS



We may need to ask personal and sensitive questions regarding your household and finances; we aren't trying to be nosy, our only goal is to help you efficiently!

1 ON 1 CASE MANAGEMENT



We can help you submit your verification documents, answer questions about renewal deadlines, and advocate for anyone who is wrongly denied benefits!

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES



We can help you find free food programs closest to you for quick & easy access to the resources you need!



www.hungercoalition.org



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215-430-0556

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the SNAP Income Guidelines?

- For anyone to be eligible for SNAP, you have to earn under a certain amount of money per month. This amount is adjusted each year on October 1st
- View updated SNAP income guidelines here: cutt.ly/SNAP-Income-Limits

Can I apply for SNAP on my own?

- We can only answer questions about your application, check your application status, or help you submit verification documents if you apply through our hotline
- With that in mind, you are able to apply on your own at www.compass.state.pa.us

What information should I have on hand when I call the SNAP Hotline?

- A SSN for every person on your application
- Rent/mortgage and utilities information
- Countable income for every person on your application (federal work-study is exempt!)
- Seniors (60+) and those with disabilities: receipts of medical expenses over \$35
- **If you previously had SNAP have your record ID# on hand**

For help getting your record ID #

call the Change Center at (215) 560-7226 (Philly) or (877) 395-8930 (PA).

I have roommates, how should I report my rent?

- If you split your bills with a roommate(s), simply report what your portion of the monthly rent is

I live with my parents, do I need to include them on the application?

- If you are under the age of 22 and living with your parents, you must apply for SNAP with them and include their income on the application
- If you are 22 or older, you can apply for just yourself
- If your permanent address is with your parents, but you live on-campus/off-campus during school, you can use your school address for your application

I was receiving benefits in another state, can I transfer them to PA?

- If you were previously receiving benefits in another state, you will need to discontinue your previous benefits and reapply in PA
- Contact your previous County Assistance Office to do this

Having trouble connecting with us?
Scan the QR code to submit your information directly to our Hotline Counselors! We will call you back, typically within 48 business hours.

