

# SNAP FOR NON-CITIZENS



COALITION AGAINST  
**HUNGER**

## 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?

Only certain non-citizens qualify to participate in SNAP. If you are a non-citizen/immigrant who meets the income eligibility limits, you may still qualify for SNAP if you meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Have refugee/asylum status
- Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) & have had a green card for at least 5 years
- Receive disability benefits

Your kids may qualify even if you don't! Your child(ren) may be eligible if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Have refugee/asylum status
- Are a LPR & have a green card (any amount of time)
- Receive disability benefits
- Were born in the US

## 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](http://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](http://cutt.ly/SNAP-Income-Limits)

## What information do I need to submit when I apply for my children?

- When applying for your children, you do not need to provide information about your own immigration status, just theirs. Explain to the Coalition Against Hunger Hotline Counselor that you are only applying for your children

## Do you offer language services?

- Yes we do! Tell us what language you need and we will call back with an interpreter from LanguageLine

## Will this application be considered a “public charge”?

- SNAP is NOT considered a "public charge" and will NOT affect your application for citizenship or green card renewal
- The information that you give on a SNAP application will NOT be shared with immigration enforcement

## How will I know if I was approved or denied for SNAP benefits?

- You will receive a letter from the County Assistance Office within 30 days of submitting your application
- If you are approved for benefits, this letter will state how much money you will receive per month and will contain your SNAP card with instructions on how to activate the card
- If you are not approved for benefits, this letter will state the reason why

## Is this all the information I need?

- While we try and include as much information on our flyers as possible, there is only so much space available! It is not possible for a single flyer to address all possible immigration statuses and circumstances
- If you need help with your SNAP benefits, call **Community Legal Services at 215-981-3700** on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9am-1pm, or Tuesday 9am-12pm for free legal aid



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.

