

State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
Food Stamp Application

AGENCY USE ONLY: FS Case Number _____ Name _____ Race/Sex _____ IEVS Function _____ Check Digit _____ Process Std. _____ FA Case No. _____ Appointment Date _____ Time _____	DATE RECEIVED BY COUNTY
---	------------------------------------

You have the right to file an application the same day you contact the Food Stamp Office. **To file an application, you need only complete your name, address, and signature, and turn this form into the county Food Stamp Office where you live.** We will interview you to decide if you are eligible. You will receive benefits from the date we received your signed application if you are determined eligible.

YOUR NAME (First, Middle, Last)	Birth date (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Social Security Number	
Mailing Address	Street Address, if different		
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone/Message Number during the day

Expedited Services

You may get food stamps benefits within 7 calendar days if: your food stamp household has less than \$150 in monthly gross income and liquid resources such as cash, checking or savings accounts are less than or equal to \$100 or; your rent/mortgage and utilities are more than your household's combined monthly income and liquid resources or; a member of your household is a migrant or seasonal farm worker.

1. How much money do the members of your household have in cash or a bank account? \$ _____
2. What is the **total** amount of income you expect your household to receive this month? _____
3. What is your **current** monthly rent/mortgage payment? \$ _____ Utilities other than phone? \$ _____
4. Is anyone in your household a migrant or seasonal farmworker? Yes No
 If yes, answer these questions: Did all of your household income stop recently? Yes No
 Does anyone in your household expect to receive income from a new source this month? Yes No
 How much? _____

In accordance with Federal law and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture policy, the Dept. of Human Resources is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Written Building, 1400 Independence Ave., S. W., Washington, D. C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Penalty Warnings, Perjury Statement and Signature

When your household receives food stamp benefits, you must follow all the rules. You must provide true and complete information about everyone in your household and you must provide documents to prove what you say if you are asked to by the worker. The Social Security numbers for all household members will be used in computer matches with other agencies in determining eligibility for food stamps. Any member who breaks any of the rules on purpose can be barred from the Food Stamp Program for one year to permanently, fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years or both. S/he may also be subject to prosecution under other applicable federal and state laws. There are also penalties if any household member is found guilty of using food stamp benefits to purchase illegal drugs or firearms.

- ◆ Do not trade or sell food stamp benefits or EBT cards.
- ◆ Do not use someone else's food stamp benefits, identification card or EBT card for your household.
- ◆ Do not give false information or hide information to get or continue to get food stamps.

I certify under penalty of perjury that my answers to all questions about each household member, including those about citizenship or alien status, are correct and complete.

_____ Household Member Signature or mark (X)	_____ Date	_____ Witness if Signed with X
---	---------------	-----------------------------------

Household Members

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print clearly. List everyone in your household that you are asking to get food stamps benefits for. Your spouse and any children under age 22 must be included with you in your household. Answer all questions for each household member.

Verification of information about all household members may be required. Some of the things you should bring to your interview include: **proof of identity (driver's license, birth certificate), check stubs, proof of unearned income (child support, social security, or SSI), rent receipts, medical bills , bank statements, and day care receipts.** We will tell you what we need to finish your application during your interview.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Relation to you	Date of Birth	Sex M/F	Race	Social Security Number	U.S. Citizen		In School		Working	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1.											
2.											
3.											
4.											
5.											
6.											
7.											

List any other people who live in the same house with you but you do not want included in your food stamp household because they do not purchase and prepare food with you. (Use another sheet of paper to add other people if there is not enough room for everyone here.)

Name	Age	Relation To You	Does this Person give you or anyone listed above any money?			Does this person pay any part of the household bill?		
			No	Yes	Reason	No	Yes	What bill(s)?

Authorized Representative

You may appoint someone outside your household to act for your household to make an application and to be interviewed. This person should know your household's situation well enough to give any information needed to determine your eligibility for food stamps. You are still responsible for the information that anyone acting as your authorized representative gives, including any information that may be incorrect. If you want to appoint someone for this, write his/her name here: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FOOD STAMPS

The information provided by the applicant in connection with the application for food stamp benefits will be subject to verification by Federal, State, and local officials to determine if such information is true. If any information is found to be untrue or incorrect, food stamps may be denied to the applicant and the applicant may be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing incorrect information.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

The submission of the Social Security Number (SSN) for each household member is mandatory under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as amended by P. L. 96-58 (7 U. S. C. 2025F). The Social Security Number will be used in the administration of the Food Stamp Program to check the identity of household members to prevent duplicate participation and to facilitate making changes. Your SSN will also be used in computer matching and program reviews or audits to make sure your household is eligible for food stamps. This may result in criminal or civil administrative claims against persons fraudulently participating in the Food Stamp Program.

If you or anyone you are applying for does not provide a Social Security Number, the persons who do not provide a Social Security Number will not be eligible for benefits. If you or anyone you are applying for does not have a Social Security Number we will refer you to the Social Security Office to apply for one.

VERIFICATION

The information given on this application will be checked by using the State Income and Eligibility Verification System, other computer matching systems, program reviews and audits. This includes such information as receipt of Social Security benefits, Unemployment benefits, unearned income such as interest and dividends, and wages from employment. When discrepancies are found, verification of this information may be obtained through contact with a third party such as employers, claims representatives or financial institutions. This information may affect your eligibility and level of benefits.

Citizenship and Immigration Status

The alien status of any person in your household may be subject to verification by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Information received from INS may effect your eligibility and level of benefits. If you do not want to provide information or have INS contacted, this person will be considered an ineligible alien and left out of the Food Stamp case. However this person's income and resources will be counted in figuring the amount of stamps the household receives.