

United States Department of Agriculture
South Carolina Department of Social Services

APPLICATION FOR DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DSNAP) INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTY WARNINGS

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the application for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (DSNAP) honestly and to the best of your knowledge. If your household knows but refuses on purpose to give any requested information, it will not be eligible to receive DSNAP benefits. When you are interviewed, you must show proof of your identity and that your household lived in the disaster area at the time of the disaster. You may have to verify any questionable expenses. You can authorize someone outside your household to apply for emergency aid and get your food stamp benefits

Part A – Household Situation

Answer yes or no for all questions.

Part B – Household Members

List the members of your household, including yourself, who were affected by the disaster who are living and eating with you. **DO NOT INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHEN THE DISASTER HAPPENED. IF YOU ARE TEMPORARILY STAYING WITH ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE OF THE DISASTER, DO NOT LIST MEMBERS OF THAT HOUSEHOLD.** List each household member's Social Security number (SSN), if available, and date of birth. However, applicants are *not required* to have or give their Social Security on this application in order to qualify for DSNAP.

Part C – Income

List each household member's source and amount of take-home pay. List any other income household members have received or expect to receive during the Disaster Authorization Period.

Part D – Resources

List all cash resources your household will have access to at the time of application.

Part E – Expenses

List the disaster-caused expenses that your household paid or expects to pay during the disaster. **DO NOT INCLUDE EXPENSES THAT WERE PAID OR WILL BE PAID BY SOMEONE OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDING INSURANCE.**

Part G – Certification and Signature

Applicant or authorized representative must sign.

FOOD STAMP PENALTY WARNINGS

If your household gets DSNAP benefits, it must follow the rules listed below. We may choose your household for a Federal or State review sometime after you receive your DSNAP benefits to make sure you were eligible for disaster benefits.

- DO NOT give false, incorrect or incomplete information.
- DO NOT trade, sell or alter Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.
- DO NOT use other people's EBT cards.
- DO NOT buy ineligible items such as alcoholic beverages or tobacco with food stamp benefits.
- DO NOT use your EBT card to pay for food charged on a credit account.

Fines and Penalties for breaking the above rules:

- Any member of your household who breaks any of these rules on purpose may not be able to get any more SNAP benefits for a period of 12 months to permanently and may be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned 20 years or both for violations of \$5,000 or greater and would be subject to prosecution under other applicable federal and state laws.
- A court can also restrict an individual from participation in the SNAP for an additional 18 months.
- DO NOT buy or sell firearms, ammunition, explosives or illegal drugs for SNAP benefits.
- A household member found guilty of buying or selling firearms, ammunition or explosives for SNAP benefits will never be able to get benefits again.
- A household member found guilty of buying or selling illegal drugs for SNAP benefits will not be able to get benefits for 12 months for the first offense and permanently for the second offense.

NOTICE TO RECIPIENT

- The EBT card you receive will allow you spend your DSNAP benefits to buy food at authorized grocery stores. Your DSNAP benefits will be available to you the next day after you apply. If you do not have benefits on your EBT card the next day after you apply, you will need to call the telephone number provided to you when you get your card. A special worker will determine why you do not have benefits.