

Document Checklist: Applying for SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits

Identity

- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License or state ID
- Health benefits ID card
- School or work ID
- Voter registration card
- You must have the Social Security number for all household members.

Residency

- Utility bills, like electric, gas, water
- Rental agreement or mortgage statement that shows your address

If you are not able to work, for medical reasons, you must provide a doctor's note.

Immigration Status

- Immigration or naturalization papers (Not required if you are only applying for your children who were born in the United States).

Resources

- Bank account (savings/checking)
- Savings bonds
- Trust fund
- Money in a credit union
- IRA, or other investments

Earned Income

- Pay stubs
- Statement from employer as to gross wages
- Income tax forms
- Self-employment bookkeeping records

Unearned Income

- Bank statements showing direct deposit
- Agency letter showing money received, like Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Affairs benefits (VA), child support, alimony, unemployment and retirement

Expenses

- Rent receipt
- Mortgage statement
- Home Owner's Insurance (if not included in your mortgage)
- Gas/Electric Bill
- Phone bill
- Water/Sewer bill
- Quarterly real estate tax bill

Medical Expense Deduction

Medical Bills (those that you pay on a regular basis): This information is needed only for those people over age 60 or people who are disabled.

Child Care: If you are paying for child care so you can work, go to job training or look for a job, you need a signed and dated letter from your child care provider with the following information:

- Name of child care provider
- Hourly fee
- Number of hours per week they provide child care

Child support: If you are under a court order to pay child support and you are paying it, you need proof of the following:

- Who you pay
- Child(ren)'s name(s)

