

Application for Cash or Food Assistance

If you need help reading or completing this form, please ask us for help.

Keep this page for your records.

How do I apply for cash or food assistance?

You can <u>start</u> the process now by submitting this application in-person at a community services office. The application must have your name, address, and signature or the signature of your authorized representative. You can file your application immediately even if it only contains these three items.

- You may get more benefits or get them sooner if you complete the form by answering the questions, signing page six and giving us your application and any other information we ask for as soon as you can.
- You can take your application to a local office. See www.dshs.wa.gov for locations.
- Fax your application to 1-888-338-7410
- Mail your application to the following: DSHS

CSD-Customer Service Center

PO Box 11699

Tacoma, WA 98411-6699

- You can also apply online at www.washingtonconnection.org
- For health care coverage you must apply either online at www.wahealthplanfinder.org, by calling 1-855-923-4633, or by using the HCA Application for Health Care Coverage (HCA 18-001).

How soon can I receive help with food and cash assistance?

If you need food assistance right away, fill in Questions 1 through 14 and take this form to your local office.

We decide if you are eligible for food assistance within 7 days if you show proof of your identity and meet one of the following:

- Your household will have less than \$150 gross income and less than \$100 liquid resources this month.
- Your household's income and resources are less than your monthly rent and utilities.
- Your household includes a destitute migrant or seasonal farm worker.

Benefits are issued by the day after we decide you are eligible. We must decide if you are eligible for Food Assistance within 30 days of the date you submit your application. Food assistance usually starts the day we receive your application. If you are submitting your application from an institution, the start date is the date of your release or discharge. Cash assistance usually starts the day we have all the information to decide you are eligible.

Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (833) 620-1071, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to:

mail: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

1320 Braddock Place, Room 334

Alexandria, VA 22314; or

2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email: FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Immigration Status and Social Security Numbers

You may be able to get assistance for some people you live with even if others you live with can't get help because of immigration status. You must tell us the immigration status of anyone who applies. Alien status of applicant household members may be subject to verification by USCIS (formerly known as INS) through the submission of information from the application to USCIS. Information received from USCIS, based on this submission, may affect eligibility and benefit amounts.

Under Federal Law (45 CFR §205.52, 7 CFR §273.6), you must give us the Social Security Number (SSN) for anyone you live with who applies for TANF, or food assistance. We may also need SSNs of parents and spouses who live with you but don't apply.

If you're applying for Food Assistance and other programs

We must follow the SNAP rules for processing your application. This includes processing the application within time limits, issuing proper notices, and advising you of your administrative rights. We cannot deny your Food Assistance just because your application for other assistance programs was denied.

Privacy and Your Cash and Food Assistance

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, permits the department to collect the information we ask for on the application, including the SSN of each household member. We use SSNs to check identity, verify eligibility, prevent fraud, and collect claims. We exchange information with other agencies to manage our programs and follow the law. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to provide a SSN or proof of application for a SSN without a good reason will result in the denial of Basic Food assistance to each individual failing to provide a SSN. We verify some information with computer matching programs, including the federal Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS).

Information reported to the Department of Social and Health Services may affect eligibility for health care coverage administered by the Health Care Authority and the Health Benefit Exchange.

We use this information to:	We may give this information to:
Decide who is eligible for our programs.	Federal and state agencies for official use.
Collect overpayments.	Law Enforcement agencies pursuing people who
Manage our programs.	are fleeing to avoid the law.
Make sure we follow the law.	 Private collection agencies to collect food assistance overpayments.

Food Assistance Penalty Warning

We check with other agencies that your information is correct. If any information is incorrect, the persons who apply may not get Food Assistance.

Any member who breaks any of the rules on purpose can be:

- Subject to prosecution under other applicable Federal and State laws.
- Barred from the SNAP for one year to permanently.
- Fined up to \$250,000.
- Imprisoned up to 20 years.
- Barred from SNAP for an additional 18 months if court ordered.

If a court finds you guilty of:



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	16. If applying for child care, what activity do you need care for (check all that apply)? ☐ Work ☐ School ☐ WorkFirst ☐ Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)								
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19. My ethnic background is Hispanic or Latino: Yes No									
Race and Ethnic background information is voluntary and will not affect eligibility or benefit amounts. This information is used to assure program benefits are distributed without regard to race, color, or national origin. For Food Assistance the USDA requires us to answer for you if no information is provided. We will select "unreported" if you don't want to answer. Race examples: White, Black or African American, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaska Native, or any combination of races.									
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APPLICANT'S NAME		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	CLIENT	DENTIFICATION NUMBER				
	VII. Autho	rized Representative						
An Authorized Representative is someone you allow DSHS to talk with about your benefits. You can name someone, but you do not have to. Do you have an Authorized Representative? Yes No Is this person your legal guardian? Yes No You may need to complete the Authorized Representative form (DSHS 14-532).								
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MAILING ADDRESS	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE				
	Vote	er Registration						
The Department offers voter registration services, including automatic voter registration. Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the services or amount of benefits that you may receive from this agency. If you would like help in filling out the voter registration form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the voter registration form in private. If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with: Washington State Elections Office PO Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504-0229 (1-800-448-4881). Do you want to register to vote or update your voter registration? Yes No If you do not check either box, we will consider you to have decided not to register to vote at this time, unless you are eligible for, and do not decline, automatic voter registration. You are eligible for automatic voter registration if you will be at least 18 years old by the next election, you are a citizen of the United States of America, and DSHS has your name, residential and mailing address, date of birth, verification of citizenship information, and your signature attesting to the truth of the information provided on this application. Do you want to be automatically registered to vote? Yes No If you checked the box marked "Yes," or do not check either box and you meet automatic voter registration eligibility requirements, DSHS will send your information to the Office of the Secretary of								
		ign below to complete yo	our applicati	on.)				
I understand I must: • Give correct information and follow reporting requirements. • Provide proof I am eligible. • Assign certain rights to child support, to the State of Washington when I receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). However, I can ask DSHS not to pursue child support if it would endanger me or my children. • Cooperate with food assistance work requirements. If I don't do these things, I may be denied benefits or have to pay them back. I understand I can be criminally prosecuted if I willfully make a false statement or fail to report something I should report. I authorize DSHS to contact other persons or agencies when necessary to help me get proof that I am eligible. I have read or had explained to me my rights and responsibilities and received a copy of the Client Rights and Responsibilities, DSHS 14-113. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information I gave in this application, including the information concerning citizenship and alien status of the members applying for benefits, is true and correct. If applying for cash assistance, all adults (or authorized representatives) in the household must sign. For food assistance, both the applicant and authorized representative must sign unless there is a current authorized representative document on file. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) DATE PRINTED NAME OF OTHER ADULT CITY AND STATE SIGNED								
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