



SNAP Benefits

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food assistance for families who meet eligibility criteria. In Indiana, this program is run by the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration (FSSA).

Families with refugee status are automatically enrolled in SNAP, but have to maintain enrollment through redeterminations to continue getting benefits.

Other families may not currently have SNAP benefits but may still qualify.

SNAP Redetermination

How to complete the redetermination to continue SNAP benefits:

- You will get mail from FSSA about a redetermination. This means that they need to make sure that you are still eligible to get benefits.
- A redetermination interview happens 1 time per year (more info [here](#)).
- FSSA sends a letter to you 45 days before your benefits expire.
- The interview needs to be completed before the 15th of the month when your benefits expire.
- You will need to answer questions about your income and whether there have been any changes to your situation (job/income, household size, etc.).

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How to apply for SNAP for the first time:

1. Check eligibility
2. Prepare required documents
3. Submit application
4. Complete Interview

1. Check Eligibility

- Visit the FSSA benefits portal and complete the program screening tool for SNAP, [here](#).
- Eligibility is based on financial and non-financial factors.
- The asset limit for most households is \$5,000.

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2. Prepare Documents

- Access the application on fssabenefits.in.gov and decide which way you would like to apply:
 - Apply online [here](#)
 - Clicking "log in" to register with an account will allow you to access your application later
 - Apply via mail or fax
 - Click "print an application" or "have an application mailed to you" [here](#)
 - Apply in person at a county DFA office (locations [here](#))

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2. Prepare Documents

For each person, proof of...	Examples of what you can fax or mail copies of ...
Identity	Valid driver's license or student ID
Social Security Number	SSN for each applicant or proof of application for a Social Security Number
US citizenship	Birth certificate, hospital or baptism certificate, other accepted proof of birth
Immigration status	For non-US citizen, alien registration card, permanent resident card, etc
Income/money received	Current pay stub, employer statement of employment termination, self-employment records, social security, VA, etc.
Resources	Current statements for bank accounts, stocks, bonds, trusts; vehicle registration, property tax statements, etc.
Life or burial insurance	Policy, insurance card, statement of value from company
Expenses	Receipts or cancelled checks (rent, mortgage, utilities, child care/support)
Medical expense	If disabled or age 60 or over:- statement from medical provider, insurance company, bills/receipts for out of pocket medical expenses, or receipt for health insurance premiums.
Guardianship or Power of Attorney	Power of Attorney, Guardianship Order

(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, n.d.)

- If you are mailing an application, be sure to send copies of the documents and not the original documents.
 - If mailing or faxing your application, write your name and social security number on each item.
- Complete the application using the above documents.

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3. Submit Application

- Submit your application and required documents online, via mail, via fax, or in person at a DFA office.
- The DFR has 30 days to decide if you will get SNAP benefits. Sometimes it is faster.

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4. Complete Interview

- You will have to complete an interview to talk about your application (more info [here](#)).
 - The interview can be over the phone or in person.
 - The office will mail you a letter with the interview date, time, and method.
 - If the interview is scheduled to be over the phone but you want it to be in person, you can call the customer service line and request the change.
 - Prepare by reviewing the information on your application.
- The office may send you a letter or give you a paper at the interview to ask you to send them more information.



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Resources

Additional information about non-citizen eligibility for SNAP available from the USDA [here](#).

References

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (n.d.). *Indiana application for SNAP and cash assistance*. Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

<https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/mailPrint/printApplication>