

SNAP HELP CENTER

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Purpose	Arkansas Income Limits	Deductions	Resource Limits	Resource Exclusions														
<p>The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 authorizes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is designed to increase the limited food purchasing power of low-income households and thus alleviate hunger and malnutrition.</p> <p>*Benefits can roll over month-to-month.</p> <p>* EBT cards can be used at most Famers Markets, used to purchase planting seeds and seedlings.</p>	<p>Less than 60 & Non-disabled Households</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th># of People In my Home</th> <th>Monthly \$ <i>BEFORE taxes & deductions</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>\$1,383</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>\$1,868</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>\$2,353</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>\$2,839</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>\$3,324</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>\$3,809</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	# of People In my Home	Monthly \$ <i>BEFORE taxes & deductions</i>	1	\$1,383	2	\$1,868	3	\$2,353	4	\$2,839	5	\$3,324	6	\$3,809	<p>* 20% of earned income</p> <p>* Standard deduction</p> <p>* Farm loss</p> <p>* Child care</p> <p>* Medical cost incurred by senior or disabled household member</p> <p>* Child support payment if legally obligated</p> <p>* Housing cost</p> <p>* For persons with a disability and/or are 60+ years of age, there are special eligibility considerations like a net income test and special rules about medical and shelter expenses. This means a persons monthly shelter and utility costs are subtracted from thier income to determine thier net income (for SNAP purposes).</p>	<p>*Household WITHOUT seniors and/or disabled persons - limit of \$2,250 in cash, checking account, and savings.</p> <p>*Households WITH SENIORS and/or DISABLED persons - limit of \$3,450 in cash, checking account, or savings.</p>	<p>* A home</p> <p>* Some non-home properties if income producing or determined to be inaccessible</p> <p>* Life insurance</p> <p>* Burial spaces (one per household member)</p> <p>* Irrevocable burial arrangements</p> <p>* Tax preferred retirement accounts</p> <p>* Certain educational savings accounts</p> <p>* 1 vehicle</p> <p>* Any vehicle used for transporting physically disable household member</p> <p>* Income producing vehicles used for self-employment</p> <p>* \$4,650 of value of vehicle for each employed household member and student attending school</p>
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Countable Resources	SNAP Expedited Services	Eligibility Factors/Needed Documentation for application	Other Factors to know	Online Applications Requirements
<p>* Cash on hand, in the bank, and credit unions (less income received that month)</p> <p>* Stocks and bonds</p> <p>* Real proper other than the home (unless excluded)</p> <p>*Mutual funds</p> <p>*Savings certificates</p> <p>*Some vehicles</p>	<p>SNAP Expedited services means a SNAP application MUST be processed within 7 days if:</p> <p>1) A household has \$100 or less in cash, bank accounts, or other liquid resources and less than \$150 in countable income OR</p> <p>2) An applicant's current shelter costs are more than your income and liquid resources OR</p> <p>3) Applicant is a migrant OR seasonal farm worker and your household has little or no income at the time of the application.</p>	<p>1) Proof of residency - rent receipt, driver's license, state ID, utility bill/ 3 months., and bank statement with current address</p> <p>* Mailing address (must be a working address)</p> <p>* For persons WITHOUT A PHYSICAL ADDRESS, write "General Delivery + the name of the town" in the address section of their SNAP application. To find "General Delivery" in any area, call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777)</p> <p>* Work registration/VISA</p> <p>* Green card</p> <p>2) Proof of identity - Social Security Number, driver's license, state ID, military ID, passport or birth certificate</p> <p>3) Proof of income/ past 3 months- employment wages, SSI benefits, SSD benefits, retirement benefits, VA benefits,</p> <p>4) Proof of checking /savings account (bank statement)</p> <p>*DHS requires copies of ALL documents above (except an SSN card your SSN # is acceptable) to complete the SNAP application process.</p>	<p>* Medical Expenses-out-of-pocket medical expenses for seniors & persons with disability can increase SNAP benefits. This information is from the worksheet titled "Do I Have Medical Expenses That I Can Include in My SNAP Budget.</p> <p>*College student's special rules for eligibility-rules for some full-time students participating in higher education, they may not be eligible for SNAP (even if they meet the SNAP financial rules).</p> <p>* Call your local DHS office 7 business days after your submitting application to ask about the date and time of your SNAP interview.</p> <p>* SNAP interview – take all required documents to your SNAP interview and ask for copies for your application.</p> <p>*Phone Interview - write down their caseworker's name and phone # so when you mail in their supporting documents address the letter to your caseworker.</p> <p>*You can be homeless or live in homeless shelters and receive SNAP benefits.</p>	<p>*Valid email account or access to a valid email account</p> <p>* Go to accessarkansas.gov</p> <p>* Create an Access Arkansas Account - user name and password</p> <p>* Applicants are provided an Access Arkansas Account Number (write this number down)</p> <p>* Online applicants are automatically granted a telephone interview. write down their caseworker's name and phone # so when you mail in their supporting documents address the letter to your caseworker</p> <p>* Call your local DHS office 7 business days after your submitting application to ask about the date and time of your SNAP interview.</p>