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**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services (DSS)
SIMPLIFIED NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) APPLICATION**

How Do I Get Help?

Please tell us if you need assistance because you do not speak English or have a disability. Free language assistance and/or other aids and services are available upon request. To receive free interpreter services, call 866-719-0141 or call your local DSS office at _____. After the recorded message, you will reach an operator who can provide you with an interpreter. If you have a disability and need communication assistance, call 866-719-0141 or Relay Services:711.

What Am I Applying For?

We have good news for you about Food and Nutrition Services! You may be qualified for the Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) because you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and you are at least 65 years old. If you are eligible for SNAP, you will automatically receive Food and Nutrition Services monthly.

How Do I Apply For SNAP?

To apply for the program, simply answer the questions below, sign this letter, and send it back to us in the enclosed envelope.

1. Does your spouse live in the home? Yes No
If yes, list their name _____ and date of birth _____
2. Does anyone get Food and Nutrition Services (Food Stamps) or SNAP in another county or state?
Yes No If yes, who? _____ What County or State? _____
3. How much do you pay for rent, mortgage, and/or lot rent each month? _____
4. Do other people live with you? Yes No If yes, how many? _____
If yes, do you buy and cook your food separately? Yes No
5. Are you responsible for paying any utility bills separate from your rent? If yes, check all that apply.
 Heat Kerosene Fuel Oil Electricity Coal Wood Natural Gas LP Gas
 Telephone/Cell Phone Water/Sewage Garbage/Trash Utility Excess (Public Housing)
6. What is your date of birth? _____
7. Do you or anyone in your household get food from the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations? Yes No
8. Do you have money won from lottery or gambling winnings? Yes No If yes, how much did you win? _____
9. Have you or any member of your household been convicted as an adult of aggravated sexual abuse, murder, sexual exploitation and other abuse of children, a Federal or State offense involving sexual assault, or an offense under State law determined by the Attorney General to be substantially similar to such an offense, after February 7, 2014?
Yes No If yes tell us his/her name, date, type, and place of conviction: _____

YOU MUST SIGN AND FILL OUT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE BEFORE RETURNING

By signing this application, I am saying that I understand the attached form explaining the Food and Nutrition Services Program information and my rights and responsibilities. I will report lottery and/or gambling winnings in the amount of \$4,500 or more. I am aware I will lose eligibility to receive Food and Nutrition Services.

Your Signature or

Authorized Representative: _____ Date Signed _____ Phone Number _____

Witness Signature (if signature is an X) _____ Date Signed _____ Phone Number _____

Address where you live: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(If mailing address is different from where you live)

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

PLEASE READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF THIS PAGE

Voters Registration

Voter Registration

If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today? Yes No

IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME. If you want to register to vote or to update your registration, you can complete a voter registration form at www.ncsbe.gov/nvra/01, ask your caseworker or contact your local DSS for a voter registration form. **Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.** If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application 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 the North Carolina State Board of Elections, PO Box 27255, Raleigh NC 27611-7255, or you may call the toll free number, 1-866-522-4723.

What Happens After I Return My Application to Social Services?

Once we receive this signed application and determine that you are eligible, we will send you an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and instructions for using it. You will not receive a new EBT card even if you already have one. We hope you will find this way of receiving Food and Nutrition Services easy.

What If I Need Someone to Apply for or Use My SNAP Benefits for Me?

If you want someone other than yourself to use, or obtain information about your benefits, please check the box below. If you check **Yes**, we will mail you a form. You and the person you want to help can complete the form and return it to our office. This person will receive an EBT card and will have access to your benefits.

I need someone to help me get and use my benefits. Yes No

Thank you for applying for the Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). We hope this way of receiving benefits will be easier for you and prove to be more helpful in purchasing food.

Language Preference

Do you want to receive your notices in a language other than English? Yes No

If yes, what language? _____

For Agency Use Only – Do Not Write in Space Below

Approved Certification Period: From _____ To _____

Denied Reason for Denial: _____

Certification Worker Signature: _____

Date of Disposition: _____

Comments: _____

SIMPLIFIED NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) **Program Information and Your Rights and Responsibilities**

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What Is SNAP?

SNAP is a simplified version of the Food and Nutrition Services Program that seeks to deliver food to older adults in a new way. Many Food and Nutrition Services Program rules do not apply. Eligible household will not need an interview but may be contacted if application is incomplete. SNAP is a project that arose from a partnership between the North Carolina Division of Social Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

Who Is Eligible?

DSS identified and mailed applications to individuals who receive SSI, and:

- Are age 65 or older;
- Are not living in an institution;
- Live in North Carolina;
- Buy and cook food separate from other people living in the home; and
- Are not disqualified from the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program.

What Am I Going to Receive?

If you are eligible for SNAP, we will automatically deposit either \$166 or \$206 into your Food and Nutrition Services benefits account every month. The amount you receive depends on your monthly rent or mortgage amount. We will send you a plastic card called an EBT Card that you can use to purchase most food items at participating grocery stores across the State. This method of receiving benefits is called Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). You may allow another person to get an EBT card so that person can use your benefits to purchase food for you. After applying for the program, you will receive an EBT card and instructions for using it if you are eligible.

Note: If your rent or mortgage expenses are more than \$150 per month, or your medical expenses are more than \$35 per month, you may qualify for more benefits by applying for the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program. If you want to apply for the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program, you or your representative must contact your local DSS agency to apply.

What Are My Rights?

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:

DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS HERE

1. **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

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Will My Information Be Kept Confidential?

Federal and State laws and regulations limit the use of confidential information for applicants and recipients of the Food and Nutrition Services Program. This information is used for purposes directly related to the administration of these programs.

We use your Social Security Number (SSN) to collect information from sources other than DSS to:

- Make sure your household is eligible for benefits;
- Check the identity of household members;
- Prevent households from getting more benefits than they should; and
- Identify groups of cases that must be changed.

We do this through program reviews, audits, or computer matching with other agencies such as the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and data matching sources.

What Are the Penalties for Misusing My Benefits?

- Don't hide or give wrong information on purpose to get Food and Nutrition Services Benefits.
- Don't use Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to buy non-food items like alcohol or tobacco.
- Don't use Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to buy or sell firearms, ammunition, explosives or illegal drugs.
- Don't trade or sell your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits.
- Don't use someone else's Food and Nutrition Services Benefits for yourself.
- Don't use your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits for someone else.
- Don't use your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to pay on any kind of credit account.

If you intentionally break any of the rules above, you may not be able to get any more Food and Nutrition Services benefits from one year to permanently and may be fined up to \$250,000 and/or jailed up to twenty years.

Giving wrong information may also mean we will reduce your benefits, or you may be required to repay benefits.