

FOOD STAMPS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Who can get FNS benefits?
Answer: All types of people: single, elderly, working, families, etc.
- How is food stamp eligibility determined?
Answer: Eligibility is based primarily on income and certain expenses.
- What is emergency FNS benefits?
Answer: This means you would receive your benefits within seven days.
- Do I need to be working to apply?
Answer: No
- If I own my own home does that mean I won't be eligible?
Answer: No, in fact the costs associated with owning your own home can be used as deductions when determining eligibility.
- I am not a US citizen. Can I apply for FNS?
Answer: Yes, Many non-citizens are eligible. If you do not have documented immigration status you can still apply for other household members.
- I am homeless. Can I apply for FNS?
Answer: Yes, you do not have to have an address to apply.
- Do I have to come in the office to apply?
Answer: No you can apply on line through E-pass, or we can mail you an application, via telephone or we can also fax you an application. You can return it by fax, email, in person, or use our drop box
- I live with other people, do I have to put their names on the application?
Answer: Yes, if you purchase and prepare your food together everyone must be on the same application. If not, in some instances you can have separate households.
- How long does it take to get my benefits?
Answer: It can take up to 30 days. If you are eligible for expedited benefits it will be within 7 days.
- Is FNS benefits only for purchasing food?
Answer: Yes FNS benefits can only be used to purchase food items.