



What is SNAP?

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) provides nutrition benefits** to supplement the food budget of needy families and/or individuals so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.
- **SNAP is the nation's most effective program** at helping people maintain a healthy diet.

How much can a single student receive?

- The **MINIMUM amount** of SNAP benefits an individual may receive in the state of Alabama is **\$23 per month**. The **MAXIMUM amount is \$281**.
- If a student applies and qualifies, he/she will receive an **Electronic Balance Transfer (EBT)** card that is loaded with his/her benefits every month.

How does an EBT card work?

- **The EBT card works just like a debit card** and is accepted at nearly all grocery stores and supermarkets.

Student Eligibility

- **Eligibility for benefits is based on a student's financial situation.** The following is an income-eligibility criteria based on number of persons in a single household:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$1580
2	\$2137
3	\$2694
4	\$3250
each additional member	\$557



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- In addition to the normal SNAP qualifications, **college students must also meet at least one of the following student exemptions** in order to qualify for SNAP benefits:
 - Participating in a work-study program during the regular school year
 - Self-employed a minimum of 20 hours per week
 - Employed 20 hours per week and paid
 - Age 17 or younger and/or age 50 or older
 - Responsible for providing childcare for a dependent under the age of 6
 - A single parent responsible for the care of a dependend under the age of 12
 - Physically and/or mentally unfit to work
 - TANF recipient
 - Enrolled and participating in an on-the-job training program (OJT)
 - Be in college through or in compliance with the requirements of one of the following: WIOA Program, E&T Program, or a program under Section 235 of the Trade Act

What happens when a student applies?

- Applying is **free** and **confidential**.
- The online SNAP application process takes about 10 minutes and is completed based on a student's current residence.
- The phone SNAP application process generally taks 10-15 minutes.
- If a student has roommates who are eligible for SNAP and wants to prepare or share meals with them, he/she needs to apply with his/her roommates as a household.
- On the application, a student will provide information such as income (i.e., wages, money from parents), expenses (i.e., rent, utilities, childcare costs), and other resources (i.e., bank account).
- The student will also need to provide supporting documentation for any items listed (i.e., pay stubs, lease, etc.).
- After a student submits his/her application, he/she will have an interview with a DHR caseworker. DHR will generally approve or deny an application within 30 days.

How can a student apply?

Call 855-321-1634

Go to www.AlabamaSNAP.org

Scan the QR code

