

# YSU Students

## How to apply: 3 ways

- 1) Phone: 1-844-640-6446 (best way) An Audio Signature will be captured at this time
- 2) Online: <https://benefits.ohio.gov>
- 3) Paper applications (Lobby currently closed so can be dropped in drop box outside)

## What do I need to provide when applying?

- 1) Social Security number or proof that you've applied for one
- 2) Income
- 3) Identity (ex: drivers license or state ID)
- 4) Housing and utility costs

## What is eligibility based on?

Eligibility is based on factors such as family size, income and expenses. Approval is not automatic, and applicants must meet federal requirements for the program.

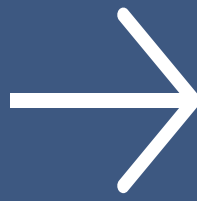
## Eligibility for college students:

A student enrolled in an institution of higher education at least half-time is ineligible for SNAP benefits **unless the student meets a student exemption**. If enrolled less than half time they are not considered a "student" and are eligible but must participate in a work activity.

## What are the Student exemptions?

- 1) 17 years or younger; 50 years
- 2) Physically or mentally unfit for work (has an approved or pending social security application or is verified by student's physician)
- 3) In receipt of OWF
- 4) Employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week AND paid. Hours cannot be averaged, must be 20 per week.
- 5) Self-employed for a minimum of 20 hour per week AND receiving weekly earnings at least equal to the federal minimum wage x 20 hours. Hours cannot be averaged.
- 6) Responsible for the care of a dependent child between 6-11 years old and the county agency has determined that adequate childcare is unavailable.
- 7) Enrolled full-time and a single parent who is responsible for the care of a dependent child under 12 years old.
- 8) Participate in on-the-job training
- 9) Participation in a work study program. Must be approved at the time of the SNAP application for the school term.
- 10) Has an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of \$0 which is found on the student SAR (Student Aid Report)
- 11) Assigned to school through an appropriate program: WIOA, E&T or Trade Act Programs

# Every Step to Getting & Keeping SNAP Funds for College Students



The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help many college students with low or no incomes afford the healthy food they need to learn and succeed. More information is available at [benefits.ohio.gov](http://benefits.ohio.gov).



## 01 I GET A LETTER THAT TELLS ME I MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP

based on my situation, or think I might be eligible.



## 02 I APPLY FOR SNAP AT BENEFITS.OHIO.GOV

or with help from a local foodbank, counselor on campus, or other assister.



## 03 I COMPLETE AN INTERVIEW WITH A CASEWORKER

after receiving a notice about my appointment.



## 04 I GET A NOTICE I AM APPROVED AND AN EBT CARD IN THE MAIL

that I activate following the instructions included.



## 05 MY CARD IS LOADED EACH MONTH AUTOMATICALLY

so I can shop for the foods I need at local retailers.



## 06 I VERIFY MY CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY EVERY 6 MONTHS

while I still need SNAP to help meet my basic needs.



Some of the most common documents I will need for my application and interview are:

- Proof of my identity and age (driver's license, photo ID card, passport, etc.)
- Proof of citizenship or immigration status (birth certificate, naturalization certificate, etc.)
- Proof of Social Security Number
- Proof of expenses, income, and resources (pay stubs for last 30 days, lease, utility bills, etc.)
- Copy of the letter from my college or institution

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My Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, or Ohio Direction Card, looks like this. It works like a debit card and makes it easy to shop at one of more than 9,300 participating Ohio retailers.



If I need help with applying, I can visit [ohiofoodbanks.org](http://ohiofoodbanks.org) and click *Get Help* to call a local foodbank.





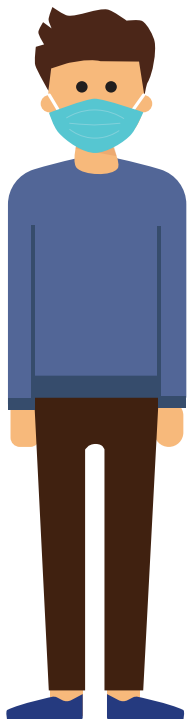
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## MAKE SNAP PART OF YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

[benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov)

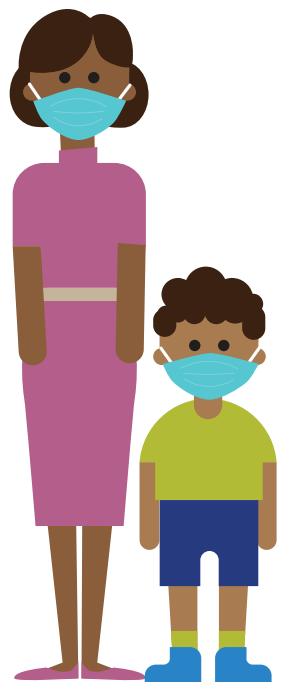


If you have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 on your most recent FAFSA, or if you are eligible for work study, even if you are not participating, you may be eligible for \$234 per month or more in SNAP!



Your household income and other circumstances may impact your eligibility.

To learn more and apply for \$234 or more per month in funds to buy groceries, visit **[benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov)**.



# GET SNACKS WITH SNAP (SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)




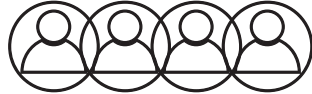

**SNAP can help you afford the food you need to fuel your studies.**

**Apply at [benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov) or call 1-844-640-6446**



**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides funds on a pre-loaded card, like a debit card, to help you purchase groceries.**

To be eligible, your monthly gross household income must be at or below:

	1 person \$1,383
	2 people \$1,868
	3 people \$2,353
	4 people \$2,839
	5 people \$3,324

Each additional person approx. +\$486

As a college student, you must also meet at least ONE of several criteria\*:

Attend school less than half-time	Work an average of 80 hours/month
Qualify for a work study program	Care for a child under 6 (or under 11 if no adequate child care available in place of sole caregiver enrolled full-time)
Be under age 18 OR over age 49	Have a documented physical or mental disability
<b>NEW DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY: Any student with a \$0 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on FAFSA</b>	

\*Students living in dormitories with meal plans that provide the majority of their meals are not eligible for SNAP.



**Are you living in Ohio to attend college? Apply for SNAP in Ohio at [benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov). Your financial aid department can help you obtain proof of your eligibility under COVID-19 guidelines.**