

A GUIDE TO APPLYING FOR SNAP BENEFITS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Applications for SNAP can be submitted online (<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>), dropped-off, mailed, or faxed to your local DSS County office.

1. Create an account or log in to the DSS Benefits Portal. (<https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/login>)

You can also apply in person at your local county office. If you already have an account, log in with your credentials.

2. Once you have an account and are logged in, complete and submit the SNAP application.

After submitting a SNAP application online, you should receive a confirmation email and/or text message that the application was submitted.

3. Provide Documentation.

You will likely be asked to provide documentation to verify the information in your application. Common documents include **proof of identity** (driver's license or state-issued ID), **income verification** (pay stubs, child support received, award letters for unemployment, social security, and/or retirement income) **proof of residency**, **household expenses** (rent/mortgage receipts or lease agreement), **social security numbers**, and **proof of citizenship** (if applicable).

All documentation must be complete and turned in for your application to move forward.

Incomplete information may cause delays in processing your SNAP application, so please do your part as the applicant to supply all required information, such as a pay stub from every employer, etc.

4. Call for an Interview.

After submitting your application, you will receive a notification for when to call in for an interview. During the interview, you'll be asked to confirm details from your application and provide any additional information or documentation, if needed. If you do not complete an interview within the allotted timeframe, your application may be denied.

5. Wait for a Decision.

Once the interview and verification process has been completed, your eligibility will be determined. It can take up to 30 days to process an application for SNAP benefits.

6. Receive Your EBT Card.

If approved, you'll receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card loaded with your monthly benefits, which can be used to purchase eligible food at authorized SNAP retailers and farmers' markets. Your EBT card will arrive by mail and must be activated according to the instructions.

This information is current as of December 2025.



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