

What is the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)?

A project to simplify the application process for the elderly in order to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Who qualifies for ESAP?

You may be eligible to receive food assistance through ESAP if:

- All members of your household who purchase and prepare food together are 60 years old or older;
- No members of your household are working;
- No members are already receiving SNAP under the South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP);
- Your household's total monthly income does not exceed the income limit for the household size.

How do I apply?

- You do not have to go to a DSS office to apply.
- You can call 1-888-898-0055 to request that an application be mailed to you, or you can print an application from the DSS website at www.dss.sc.gov and click on "Assistance Programs", "SNAP", "How Do I Apply?", then "Help for the Elderly". Click on the link provided for the application.
- Complete and sign the application and include any proof of out-of-pocket medical expenses for which you want to receive a deduction.

Applications should be mailed to:

ESAP

SC Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 100203

Columbia, SC 29202-3229

- After your application is received, you will receive a letter in the mail with important information about completing an interview to determine your eligibility for SNAP benefits.
- Once you are approved, your SNAP benefits go into an account and we send you an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to use every month to buy groceries. Your EBT card works just like a debit card.