



SNAP Eligibility for College Students

New Jersey's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides essential food assistance to low-income individuals and families. SNAP assists eligible participants in purchasing groceries. Benefits are disbursed through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, which functions like a bank or credit card. EBT cards are readily accepted at several authorized retail establishments, including both traditional stores and farmers' markets.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for SNAP benefits, prospective applicants must meet specific eligibility criteria. Factors such as household size, income, and immigration status play a crucial role in determining eligibility for SNAP assistance. Throughout the enrollment process, all applicants are obligated to submit verification documents

For more detailed information regarding eligibility requirements related to income, household size, and immigration status, visit the NJ SNAP official website at www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/apply/eligibility/.

Student Eligibility

Individuals between the **ages of 17-50** who are currently enrolled in a **post-secondary institution** (including colleges, universities, community colleges, business, technical, trade, or vocational schools) **and are enrolled at least half-time** may qualify for SNAP if they meet specific eligibility criteria. In addition to the income criteria, students must be at least ONE of the following:

- Responsible for the care of a dependent household member under the age of 6
- A single parent enrolled full-time and responsible for a dependent under the age of 12
- Receiving WFNJ/TANF benefits
- Assigned to or placed in an institution of higher education as part of the NJ SNAP E&T Program
- Employed at least 20 hours per week and paid for such work
- Participating in a federal work-study program during the school year
- Participant in an on-training program
- Participant in a Job Opportunities Program
- Enrolled in an approved Career and Technical Education Program at a New Jersey community college
- Unable to work due to a disability

** Students under 22 years old who live with their parents must apply with family **

How to Apply for NJ SNAP



Online



In Person



Mail or Fax

Apply online by visiting
www.mynjhelps.gov.

- Online applications require an active email.
- Click on "Create New Account" to sign up and start an application.

Apply in person at your Local
County Boards of Social
Services.

To locate the nearest County
Boards of Social Services office,
visit: www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/counties/.

Mail or fax your completed
application to your County
Board of Social Services.

Download an application at:
www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/apply/ways/.

Applications are available in
English and Spanish.

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For non-online applications, it is recommended that applicants retain copies of their submitted applications and documents for their personal records.

Application Assistance & SNAP Navigators

Applications can sometimes be difficult to navigate and complete. If you are interested in applying for SNAP, SNAP Navigators can assist you with the application process. The assistance provided by SNAP Navigators is free and confidential.

To apply and find your local SNAP Navigator, visit: www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/apply/help/.

Legal Services of New Jersey

If you have any questions about eligibility for benefits or services, Legal Services of New Jersey may be able to provide legal advice or assistance.



Contact LSNJLAWSM, Legal Services of New Jersey's statewide, toll-free legal Hotline, online at LSNJLAWHotline.org or by calling 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529).