

Faster Food Benefits



Can I get food benefits (SNAP) fast?

It can take up to 30 days to get SNAP. But you could get SNAP faster if:

- You make between \$0 and \$150/month and you have less than \$100 in cash; or
- You are a migrant or seasonal farm worker who makes little money and has less than \$100 in cash; or
- Your rent/mortgage and utilities cost more money than you have in a month.



How fast can I get food benefits (SNAP)?

You can be approved for food benefits in 1 to 7 days instead of having to wait 30 days.



How can I apply for food benefits (SNAP)?

Fill out a SNAP application and answer questions about your income (what you make) and assets (what you own). You can apply in the following ways:

- Online at benefits.ohio.gov
- By calling 844-640-6446, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- In-person at your county Job and Family Services (JFS) office



What else will I need?

- Proof of identity (driver's license, state-issued ID, birth certificate)
- Social Security numbers for everyone who will be getting SNAP benefits
- Information on where you live
- Income informaton



How will I get my food benefits (SNAP)?

- Benefits come on a SNAP EBT, which is like a credit card.
- If you never had an Ohio SNAP EBT card before, you should get one when you are approved.
- If you ever lose your Ohio SNAP EBT card, report it immediately to JFS. Ask JFS to cancel to lost card and order you a new card.



How do I get help if my SNAP application is denied?

If you are denied or do not get a decision within 7 days (for faster food benefits) or 30 days for regular food benefits, you can ask Legal Aid for help. Call us at the number below or visit <https://www.lasco.org/Apply>.

Have Questions? We Can Help.



Call 1-888-246-4420



Online [lasco.org](https://www.lasco.org)

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) provides free noncriminal legal help to people experiencing poverty, seniors, and veterans in 36 Ohio counties.

This information is based on current law, which is subject to change. If you have questions, contact LASCO.

