



# Application for Food Stamp Benefits

## What are Food Stamp Benefits?

Food Stamp benefits help households buy eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

## Do You Need An Interpreter To Help You Apply For Food Stamps?

An interpreter can be provided to you, free of charge, if you need assistance in applying for Food Stamp benefits.

Would you like an interpreter to assist you?  Yes  No

Si usted necesita ayuda al solicitar los beneficios de Cupones de Alimentos, se le puede otorgar los servicios gratuitos de un int\_rprete, \_ Quisiera que un int\_rprete lo ayude?  S\_  No

## Do You Need Assistance in Completing This Form?

If you need special assistance in completing this application and the interview in order to apply for Food Stamp benefits, please let us know so that we can assist you. Do you need special assistance in completing this application or the interview process?

Yes  No

## How Do I Apply for Food Stamp Benefits?

### Step 1. Fill out this application.



If you can't fill out the whole application today, please fill in the bottom of this page with your name, address, and signature. If you need help filling out this application, see definitions on page 2 or ask for help at your local Department of Social Services (DSS).

### Step 2. Turn in the application to your local DSS as soon as possible.



You can mail, fax, or bring the application to your local DSS office. The date we get your application with your name, address, and signature on it, is also the start date of your Food Stamp application. If you are eligible for Food Stamp benefits in the month you apply, the amount of Food Stamp benefits you will get for that month depends on the date you turn in your application. The sooner you give us this application, the quicker you will know if you are able to get Food Stamp benefits.

### Step 3. Talk with us.



A caseworker must interview you or someone you choose. This is to see if you can get Food Stamp benefits. **If you are unable to stay for your interview today, please tell the receptionist or a caseworker so that we can schedule an interview for you.**

**At your interview, you will need to show us:**

Proof of who you are, such as your driver's license, social security card or alien papers;

Proof of your address, such as your mortgage statement or rental agreement;

Copies of utility bills, proof of child care costs, proof of what you pay for child support; and proof of money you got in the past 30 days, such as check stubs or a letter from the social security office. **If you can't bring everything, come to the interview anyway. We will help you.**

Name (First, Middle Initial & Last): , ,		Social Security Number (If you have one):	
Date of Birth:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	U.S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Language You Speak:
Race: (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ethnic Group: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Cuban <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Other <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Mexican American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Puerto Rican	Home Phone Number:	
		Cell Phone Number:	
Street Address:		Work Phone Number:	Can Be Reached Number:
Mailing Address (If Different):		City	State Zip Code N.C.
Signature:		Date:	Witness Signature: (If Signature is an "X")