# PENNSYLVANIA

# **Application for Food Stamps**



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Can you read, write ar If no, what language d	•		□ No			
Are you interested in N	Medicaid (free healt	h care coverage)	? 🗌 Y	es	□ No	
	Application for	or Food Sta	mps C	over	age	
	Il income your hour stubs, or a copy of a stubs show a full moral every two weeks the monthly pay is if the copies of tax returns ou attach should show to your local Court form.  If or someone who is an 30 days, you must hergency situation with this application.	award letters or onth's income and so, attach two payshere are no payshere are not a U.S. citize an expedited appears show proof of yet, take this application.	paycheck d the pay stubs.) A stubs. her recording is before is before. Call 1 and please olication for the cour non-coication to	period also, and ds cour ore taxe 1-800-6 attach or food citizen s	I. (If paid every employer can as proof of in proof of non-cal stamps. If your cannot be status.	n write a letter ncome.  ons.  do not know citizen status.  ou need food  tance Office
Tell	us who you a	re and wher	e you	live.		
Last Name	First Name	Mid	ddle Initial	Social S	Security Number	
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code	_
County	Home Phone	Work Phone		Best t	time to call	
Complete this section i	f you are filling out t	his form for some	one else.			
YOUR NAME OR OR	GANIZATION	ORG	ANIZATION CODE	(If applicable)	)	
	,					_
ADDRES	s		PHONE NUM	BER		

Please list the	e peopl	le wh	o live v	vith you	. Start wi	ith you	ırself.

	Are you applying					Is this		Is this person
Last name, first name, middle initial	for this person? Yes/No?	Sex M or F	Is this person:	Date of Birth	Social Security Number *	person a student? Yes/No?	How is this person related to you?	a U.S. citizen? Yes/No?*
			☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed				Self Child Spouse Other:	
			☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed				Self Child Spouse Other:	
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# **Criminal History Inquiry**

Pleas	e answer tl	ne follo	wing que	stions for	yourself	and anyor	ne else fo	r whom	you are	applying.	If you	answer	"yes"	to a	question,	list
the na	ame of the	person(	(s) to who	om the "ye	es" answe	er applies.										
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Has anyone in your household ever been convicted of a felony committed after August 22, 1996, for the possession, distribution and/or use of a controlled substance? If yes, list the name(s).	☐ Yes	□ No	
Household member(s)			
Are you or anyone in your household a felon fleeing from law enforcement officials? If yes, list the name(s).	☐ Yes		
Household member(s)			

<sup>\*</sup> If you are not applying for this person, you may leave this blank.

# Work History

Are you or anyon	ne else in your ho	ousehold o	currently wo	rking or	have wo	orked in la	ast 30 da	ys? 🗌 Yes [	No	If yes,	complete t	he section	ı below.
NAME OF PERSON	WORKING		1	EMPLOYER	R'S NAME		EMI	PLOYER'S ADDRESS	-	FELEPHONI NUMBER	DATE YOU STARTED WORKING MM/DD/YY	DATE YOU STOPPED WORKING MM/DD/YY	HOURS WORKE PER WEI
Is anyone in yo	our household o	disabled?	☐ Yes		□ No								<u> </u>
If yes, please I	ist member(s)												
					Res	sourc	ces						
A. Does anyor	ne have any of	the follow	ing? If yes	s, pleas	e explai	in in sec	tion B b	elow.					
	Cash-on-hand	d	_ Y	es 🗌	No	U.S.	Savings	Bonds		Yes	No		
	Savings Acco	unt	□ Y	′es 🗌	No	Chris	stmas or	Vacation Club	) [	Yes	No		
	Checking Acc	ount	□ Y	′es 🗌	No	Stoc	ks or Bo	nds		Yes	No		
	Certificate of I	Deposit	□ Y	′es 🗌	No	Trus	t Fund			Yes	No		
	Savings Certif	ficate	□ Y	′es 🗌	No								
	Fam	ily Saving	s Account							Yes	_		
	IRA,	KEOGH	, or other i	retireme	ement plan Other Resources				Yes	□ No □ No			
B. Please list	your resources.						Oti				NO		
NAME OF OWNER	TYPE / ACC OF TH	COUNT # / LOC HE RESOURCE	ATION E	CURREN	NT VALUE	NAME O	F OWNER	TYPE / ACCOUNT # THE RES	/ LOCAT DURCE	ION OF	CURRENT VAL	UE	
				\$						;	\$		
				\$						;	\$		
				\$						;	\$		
Motor V	ehicles												
	own or is anyon recreational v				-			No If yes, ple snowmobile,		st belov	٧.		
NAME(S) OF OWNE	R	YEAR	MAKE			MODEL		LICENSED		AMC	OUNT OWED		
								☐ Yes ☐	No				
								☐ Yes ☐	No				
								☐ Yes ☐	No				
								Yes	No				

#### Income Is anyone on strike? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, who? ▶ When did the strike start? ►MO \_\_\_\_\_ DAY\_\_\_\_ YR \_\_ Does anyone have any income? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If yes, list income you have already received this month or expect to receive this month. Income includes, but is not limited to: Alimony Wages Pensions Self Employment Social Security Unemployment or Workers' Compensation Commissions Babysitting SSI Money for College or Training Strike Benefits Room and Board Child Support Dividends or Interest PERSON WITH INCOME TYPE / SOURCE OF INCOME ном мисн HOW OFTEN DATE RECEIVED \$ \$

\$

\$

\$

\$

**ATTACH PROOF OF INCOME** your household received for the last 30 days. Proof includes pay stubs or a copy of award letters or paychecks.

# Child Care & Adult Care Expenses

For anyone who is employed and pays the care expenses for a child or disabled adult, please list these expenses. Attach proof.

NAME OF CHILD OR DISABLED ADULT	NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PROVIDER	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

# Household Expenses

# A. Please explain your household expenses.

Do you pay for heating or cooling?		Yes		No			
Are you billed separately for your heating or cooling?		Yes		No			
Did you get Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) since October 1st?		Yes		No			
Do you have utility costs other than heating, cooling, or phone?		Yes		No			
Are your meals included in your rent?		Yes		No			
Is there anyone outside your household who pays any of your expenses?		Yes		No			
If so, what?							
How much? \$							
To whom?							
Do you live in subsidized housing?		Yes		No			
Do you share expenses?		Yes		No			
If yes, with whom?							
What expenses are shared (rent/utilities or both)?							
How much is contributed	d?						
Do you pay court-ordered support to anyone outside your household?		Yes		No			
How much?							
How often?							

# B. Please list your household expenses. Attach proof of your household expenses for the last 30 days.

EXPENSES	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN
RENT OR MORTGAGE	\$	
PROPERTY TAXES (City, County, School)	\$	
OTHER - SUCH AS LOT RENT, CONDO FEES, HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, ETC.	\$	
PHONE	\$	
ELECTRIC	\$	
WATER	\$	
SEWAGE	\$	
GAS / OIL / COAL / WOOD / KEROSENE	\$	
GARBAGE, UTILITIES, INSTALLATION	\$	
MEDICAL LIST EACH MEMBERS' EXPENSES	\$	
	PA600 FSO (SG)	6-01

# Racial and Ethnic Information (Optional)

### You are not required to complete this section

Please list the racial and ethnic information about the people who live with you. Start with yourself.

Race (check all that apply)

Yourself:	☐ African American☐ Native Alaskan/American Indian☐ Asian☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander☐ Caucasian☐ Asian (Indian subcontinent)	☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic				
Person 2	☐ African American ☐ Native Alaskan/American Indian☐ Asian☐ ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander☐ Caucasian☐ Asian☐ Indian subcontinent)	☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic				
Person 3	□ African American □ Native Alaskan/American Indian □ Asian □ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander □ Caucasian □ Asian (Indian subcontinent)	□Hispanic □Non Hispanic				
Person 4	☐ African American ☐ Native Alaskan/American Indian ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander ☐ Caucasian ☐ Asian (Indian subcontinent)	☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic				
Person 5	☐ African American☐ Native Alaskan/American Indian☐ Asian☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander☐ Caucasian☐ Asian☐ Indian subcontinent)	☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic				
Person 6	□ African American □ Native Alaskan/American Indian □ Asian □ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander □ Caucasian □ Asian (Indian subcontinent)	☐Hispanic ☐Non Hispanic				
Person 7	□ African American □ Native Alaskan/American Indian □ Asian □ Native Hawaiian/Pacífic Islander □ Caucasian □ Asian (Indian subcontinent)	☐ Hispanic ☐ Non Hispanic				
W. D. I						
Voter Registration (For C	County Assistance Office use)					
The following information is only used for voter registration purposes and does not affect your eligibility for food stamps. Your decision to register to vote will remain confidential. If you decide not to register to vote, this also will remain confidential.						
Are you or any adults in your household interested in registering to vote?						
f you already are registered to vote, please check this box.						
To register to vote, you must:						
Be at least 18 years of age by the date of the next e	election;					
Be a U.S. citizen for at least one month <u>before</u> the n	next election; and					
<ul> <li>Have lived in Pennsylvania and the election district yelection.</li> </ul>	you plan to vote in for at least 30 days <u>b</u>	efore the next				
DO NOT COMPLETE – CO	UNTY OFFICE USE ONLY					
GIVEN TO CLIENT / DATE	HAND CARRIED TO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION	/ / DATE				
MAILED TO COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION	OFFICE / /					

Ethnicity

Name

### PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES

#### You must not:

- give false, incorrect, or incomplete information;
- trade, sell or alter your Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card or your PA ACCESS Card;
- use other people's EBT or PA ACCESS CARD;
- use your food stamp benefits to buy ineligible items, such as alcoholic drinks or tobacco;
- · use your food stamp benefits to buy illegal drugs, firearms, ammunition, or explosives; or
- use your food stamp benefits to pay for food already received, or for food to be received in the future. This means that you may not use your food stamp benefits to purchase food on credit.

Any member of your household who is found guilty by a court or an administrative disqualification hearing of breaking any of the above rules or who signs a voluntary disqualification consent agreement or waiver of an administrative disqualification hearing will be barred from getting food stamp benefits for up to:

- 12 months for the first violation:
- 24 months for the second violation; and
- · permanently for the third violation.

Any household member found guilty by a court of having used food stamp benefits to buy illegal drugs will be disqualified for:

- · 24 months for the first violation; and
- permanently for the second violation.

Any household member found guilty by a court of buying or selling food stamp benefits, EBT, ACCESS cards, or other benefit instruments for cash or consideration other than food or the exchange of firearms, ammunition or explosives in the amount of \$500 or more in food stamp benefits will be disqualified permanently.

Any household member found guilty by a court or an administrative disqualification hearing of misrepresenting his identity or residence to receive multiple food stamp allotments will be disqualified for 10 years.

Any household member fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement for a felony, or attempted felony, or violating a condition of probation or parole will be ineligible until the situation is rectified.

If you do not report changes as required, your benefits may be reduced or stopped. If you purposely fail to give correct information or report changes, you may be fined and/or put in jail. Improper use of the food stamp PA ACCESS card or electronic benefit transfers may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

If you are found guilty of violating these rules, or committing fraud, you also may be:

- fined up to \$250,000;
- jailed up to 20 years; and/or
- · required to repay the food stamp benefits you received.

### Food Stamp Work Requirements/Sanctions

If you are physically and mentally fit, over 15 years of age and under 60 years of age, and not otherwise exempt, you may not refuse to:

- · register for employment;
- participate in an approved employment and training program unless you have good cause;
- · accept employment unless you have good cause;
- provide sufficient information to your county assistance office about your employment status and job availability unless you have good cause; or
- · comply with workfare.

Additionally, you must not voluntarily, and without good cause, quit your job or reduce the number of hours you work if, after the reduction, you are employed less than 30 hours per week.

If you or another member of your household violates any of the above work requirements, you or that person may be disqualified from receiving food stamp benefits. Before a disqualification is imposed, you will receive a notice and will have the right to appeal and have a fair hearing.

The minimum disqualification periods are as follows: for the first violation, one month and thereafter until the failure to comply ceases; for the second violation, three months and thereafter until the failure to comply ceases; and for the third and subsequent violations, six months and thereafter until the failure to comply ceases.

## You have certain rights and responsibilities. They are:

#### **FOOD STAMPS**

- I understand that the information on this form will be kept confidential.
- I authorize the release of personal, financial, and medical information to and from DPW for the purpose of determining eligibility for the Food Stamp Program.
- I agree that I must report all changes in my household or financial situation to the County Assistance Office within ten days.
- I understand that I can request a hearing if I do not agree with a decision made on this application.
- I understand that my situation is subject to verification from employers, financial sources and other third parties.
- I understand that federal law requires food stamp applicants to provide Social Security Numbers. If Social Security Numbers are not provided or applied for, the person will not be eligible for food stamps. These numbers may be used to check the information on this application. (7CFR § 273.6) These numbers will be checked with PA State Police records, PA court files and other records that are available.
- I understand that I have a right to interpreting and translating help if I do not speak or read English. The service will be provided within the required time frames for processing an application.
- I certify to the best of my knowledge that I understand my rights and responsibilities.
- I certify that all information on this application is true, under penalty of perjury.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT / AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE	ID	PROVIDER / EMPLOYEE / WITNESS SIGNATURES						
ADDRESS OF REPRESENTATIVE (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)									
SECOND WITNESS IF AN (X) IS SIGNED ABOVE	SECOND WITNESS IF AN (X) IS SIGNED ABOVE ADDRESS OF WITNESS								
Certification of	Citizensh	nip or No	n-Citizen Status						
By signing my name below, I certify that	the persons that	I am applying for	are U.S. citizens or non-citizens in lawful						
immigration status. I know I must sign this	to be eligible for	food stamps unde	er law.						
Signature:									
Signature.									

#### DO NOT COMPLETE - COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICE USE

Source of Application	n:  Helpline  CAO  CHIF	ecify)	
Date Received:			Categories:
File Cleared By/Date	:/		Screened By/Date:/
AP Registration #:			Provider #:
County:		_ District:	Record #:
☐ Authorized	☐ Not Authorized	Reason Cod	e:



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KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

### **FOOD STAMPS NOW!**



- DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE \$100 OR LESS IN AVAILABLE CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS AND EXPECT TO RECEIVE LESS THAN \$150 IN INCOME THIS MONTH?
- ARE YOU A MIGRANT OR SEASONAL FARM WORKER?
- ARE YOUR MONTHLY GROSS INCOME AND CASH ON HAND LESS THAN YOUR RENT/MORTGAGE AND UTILITY COSTS FOR THIS MONTH?

IF THE ANSWER TO **ANY** OF THESE QUESTIONS IS **YES**, YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO **EXPEDITED FOOD STAMPS.** This means you can get food stamps within five days. Ask for more information by contacting the local County Assistance Office.

**FILE YOUR FOOD STAMP APPLICATION TODAY!** IT IS **YOUR RIGHT** to file an application today at **ANY TIME** before 5 p.m. The person at the County Assistance Office should date-stamp your application while you watch.

If you are denied expedited food stamps, you have the right to an agency conference within two working days with a supervisor at the County Assistance Office.

If you feel you are being denied your rights or services, or if the County Assistance Office does not take your application when you hand it in, and date-stamp it while you watch, ask to talk with a supervisor or call the HELPLINE toll free at **1-800-692-7462**.

YOU CAN GET FREE LEGAL HELP AT THE LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE.

This is an application for food stamps. If you need help with this application, please contact your local County Assistance Office. This application is also available in Spanish.

Esta es una solicitud de cupones de alimentos. Si necesita ayuda con esta solicitud, comuniquese a la Oficina de Asistencia del Condado de su localidad. También puede obtener esta solicitud en español.

Đây là đơn xin hưởng tem phiếu thực phẩm. Nếu quí vị cần trợ giúp trong việc làm đơn xin, hãy liên hệ Văn Phòng Trợ Cấp Địa Phương

នេះគឺជាក្រដាសដាក់ពាក្យសុំលុយ food stamps។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកត្រូវការជំនួយជាមួយនឹងពាក្យសុំនេះ សូមទាក់ទងទៅការិយាល័យវ៉ែលហ្វៃ (County Assistance Office) ដែលនៅតាមតំបន់របស់លោកអ្នក។

Здесь представлена форма заявления на продовольственные талоны (food stamps). Если вам нужна помощь при подаче такого заявления, обращайтесь в Бюро помощи (County Assistance Office).

這是申請現金補助的表格。如果您需要幫助填寫這份表格,請與您居住郡的公共福利辦公室聯係。