



SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
(SNAP)

2010

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What is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program?

The program, formerly known as the “Food Stamp Program”, helps people with little or no income to buy food for a healthy diet.

How do I get supplemental nutrition assistance?

You can find supplemental nutrition assistance under the government section of your phone book. Look under “Department of Public Health and Social Services, Bureau of Economic Security (BES), Food Stamp and Welfare Programs”. Come to any of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offices and fill in Part I of the program application so an interview can be set up for you. This will also tell you what papers you might need to bring. At the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program office you will answer questions and sign papers. You may send a relative or friend to talk with the worker for you. Or you may be able to talk with a worker on the phone.

You may pick up and turn in an application at any of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offices from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; or simply download an on-line application form from Department of Public Health and Social Services’ website: <http://dphss.guam.gov>. You may see a worker from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Will I have to get a Social Security Number?

You must have, or will have to get, a social security number for each household member, if you want that member to get benefits. Not all members of a household have to take part in the program. A person who does not want to receive supplemental nutrition assistance does not have to give a social security number, but must give his or her financial information.

Can legal non-citizens get supplemental nutrition assistance?

You might be able to get supplemental nutrition assistance. Talk with a worker about this. Even if you can’t get supplemental nutrition assistance, family members born in this country can. Getting supplemental nutrition assistance won’t hurt if you want to become a citizen.

Can I get help if I’m not working?

If you’re able to work, you must look for work, take a job offer, or go to training.

How much assets can we have?

Households with a member age 60 or older may have up to \$3,000 in countable assets. Other households may have up to \$2,000.

We don’t count the assets of people who are receiving Welfare assistance. We don’t count the home that you’re living in and one car for one parent household and two cars for two parent household. We don’t count a vehicle that you need to carry a physically disabled member.

How much income can we have?

We count most types of income. Gross income means income before any deductions. **Net income means gross income after deductions.** Welfare households are already eligible. Households without an elderly or disabled member must meet both a gross and net income test. Households with an elderly or disabled member only have to meet a net income test.

For October 2009 through September 2010, the monthly income limits follows:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Net Monthly Income
01	\$1,174	\$903
02	\$1,579	\$1,215
03	\$1,984	\$1,526
04	\$2,389	\$1,838
05	\$2,794	\$2,150
06	\$3,200	\$2,461
07	\$3,605	\$2,773

What are the allowable deductions?

- 20 percent of earned income;
- a standard deduction;
- medical expenses over \$35 a month for elderly or disabled member;
- actual dependent-care expenses when needed for training, education, or work;
- legally owed child support; and
- a percentage of shelter costs.

If my household is eligible, how much will we get?

For October 2009 through September 2010, the table below shows the **most** you could get if you have no income. As your income **goes up**, the amount of nutrition assistance you will get **goes down**.

People in Household	Maximum Monthly Allotment
01	\$295
02	\$541
03	\$775
04	\$985
05	\$1,169
06	\$1,403
07	\$1,551

To see if you may be eligible, go to the supplemental nutrition assistance program website <http://www.snap-step1.usda.gov/fns/>.

Is supplemental nutrition assistance cash?

No, supplemental nutrition assistance benefits come on a plastic card that you use like a bank card to buy food. Most stores take supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

What if I have more questions?

You can call our office at:



Central	735-7245
Northern	635-7411
Southern	828-7543

For more information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance programs, please visit our website at www.fns.usda.gov.



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