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SCAN ME WITH YOUR SMART PHONE CAMERA!

OR VISIT
www.humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap
OR CALL
DHS Public Assistance Toll Free Information Line 1-855-643-1643

Need help paying for groceries? The Food Basket is here to help!

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What is SNAP?
The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamps Program, is a federally funded program administered by the State of Hawai‘i Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide supplemental food benefits for qualifying low-income households.

How does it work?
If you qualify, you will receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) debit card, called a Kokua Card. Your EBT benefits can be used to purchase unprepared foods at SNAP authorized grocery stores and farmers markets. Benefits can also be used to purchase seeds and plants for the purpose of growing your own food. SNAP benefits are automatically deposited into your EBT card once a month.

Who can apply?
- Hawai‘i residents
- U.S. citizens or lawfully present non-citizens *
- Non-citizens with U.S. citizen children
- Those not collecting SNAP benefits in any other state
- Households that meet income and asset limits
- College students who meet requirements and exemptions *

How is eligibility determined?
DHS determines eligibility based primarily on household income and size. Households may be eligible even if someone in the home is receiving an earned (working) income or unearned (non-working) income, such as Social Security or retirement benefits.

Applicants with assets such as land, buildings, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, certain vehicles, or retirements accounts may still be eligible for SNAP benefits. *

How do I apply?
Visit the DHS website for the printable or online application and additional information. For step-by-step application assistance, eligibility prescreening, or more detailed information, contact our SNAP Outreach Specialists or visit a DHS SNAP Processing Center near you.

What documents do I need to provide?
- SNAP Application
  - online or paper form
- Proof of Identity
  - Passport, birth certificate, driver's license, or state ID
- Proof of Citizenship
  - Passport, birth certificate, or immigration documents
- Social Security (SS) Card
- Proof of Residency
  - Rental agreement, utility bill, or statement from shelter
- Proof of Income
  - Paystub, SS award letter, Veteran's Affairs award letter, child support payments, self-employment record, alimony payments, etc.
- Proof of Expenses
  - Rent or mortgage payments, property tax, home insurance, child support payments, utility bills, phone bill, etc.
- For individuals 60 and older or disabled (if applicable)
  - Medical expenses, including dental, vision, prescription, or other qualified medical expenses *

*Contact our SNAP Outreach Specialists for more detailed requirement information.

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