

# HOW TO APPLY FOR FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

## What is the Food Stamp Program?

The Food Stamps Program provides benefits to low-income families to increase their food purchasing power.

## HOW MUCH INCOME AND RESOURCES CAN I HAVE AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE?

If your total gross monthly income is less than the following amounts you may be eligible:

### Effective 4/1/10 - Maximum Allowable Gross Monthly Income

Household Size	Maximum Allowable Income
1	\$1,670
2	2,247
3	2,823
4	3,400
5	3,976
6	4,553
7	5,130
8	5,706

Each Additional Member Add +\$577.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS?

When applying for Food Stamps, you will be asked to provide documents concerning your situation. If you have any of the documents listed below, please bring them with you when you come to the office. If you do not have them, the worker will help you obtain the ones you need.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES  
SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS  
RENT /MORTGAGE RECEIPTS  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION  
FOR CHILDREN  
GAS, ELECTRIC AND/OR FUEL OIL BILL  
TELEPHONE BILL  
PROOF OF ALL INCOME AND RESOURCES  
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE  
DIVORCE PAPERS  
CUSTODY PAPERS  
MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION ( WITH EXPECTED DATE  
OF DELIVERY IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR DISABLED)  
SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI AWARD LETTER  
DEATH CERTIFICATE  
ALIEN REGISTRATION, PASSPORT, VISA

## WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

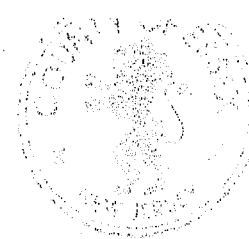
- To help the welfare agency obtain information needed to determine your eligibility and amount of benefits.
- To notify the welfare agency when you or any family member moves, gets a job or experiences any change of income, resources or circumstances.

**NOT MEETING ANY OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES COULD MEAN THAT YOUR FOOD STAMPS WILL BE DENIED, REDUCED OR STOPPED.**

WHERE DO I APPLY?

At the Essex County Division of Welfare

Military Park Citizen Service Center  
18 Rector St. 1<sup>st</sup> Fl Newark, NJ  
(973) 733-2440/2468



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HOW TO OBTAIN HELP  
FOR  
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Benefits In Essex County