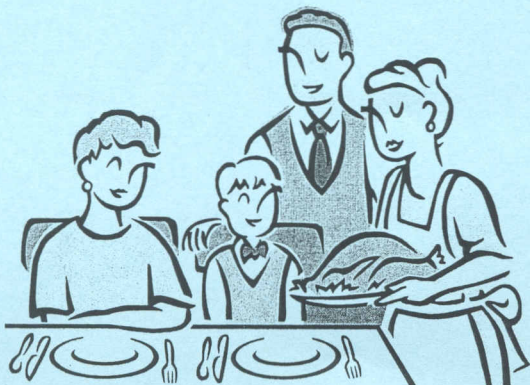


Important Information Regarding SNAP for Families

- SNAP can help increase your food purchasing power and feed your family better! SNAP participants get more nutrients for their food dollars than the average American household.
- SNAP is a nutrition program. Its main purpose is to end hunger and improve health and nutrition.
- If you are paying child support, this money is excluded from your income when applying for SNAP benefits.
- Parents with children in care may be eligible for a dependent care deduction of the full amount they are responsible to pay for child care.
- Any money provided to you for child care (in the form of reimbursement or vendor payments) does not count as income when you apply for SNAP.
- If you receive SNAP benefits you can send a copy of your verification letter to National Grid to get a lower rate for your electric bill. If you receive SNAP benefits your school-age children automatically qualify for the National School Lunch Program.
- Everyone who qualifies and applies receives benefits!
- Household size is one of the factors used to determine eligibility. See the back of this page for important notes about how to determine your household size in accordance with SNAP requirements.



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Important Notes About Household Size

The definition of a household for SNAP applicants is as follows:

- Any group of individuals who live and eat together.
- Anyone who lives alone or with others but purchases, prepares, and eats food separately.
- Spouses who live together must be included as a member of the household.
- Individuals under age 22 who live with their parents or guardians are considered part of the same household. This is true even when these individuals have their own children and/or receive RI Works (cash assistance) separate from their parents or guardians.
- Individuals under age 22 who live separately from their parents are considered to be their own household.
- An applicant under age 22 who lives with an adult that is not their parent or legal guardian can apply as their own household.
- Individuals and families living in support houses or group living arrangements may apply by themselves if meals are purchased, prepared, and eaten separately. If all housemates purchase and prepare food together, they must apply as a single household.
- Household size and income eligibility guidelines are slightly different for households with an elderly or disabled member. Make sure you mention if someone in your household is elderly or disabled when you speak with DHS or with the URI SNAP outreach workers.