



ELDERLY Application for Rhode Island's **SNAP** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits



Elderly Application (All Household members are age 60 and above)

Submission of this form by Households other than 100% ELDERLY may cause a delay processing as additional information may be required.

Instructions for completing the application form

- Try to answer as many questions as you can.
- On page 1 of the application form put your telephone number where you can be reached during weekdays or where a message can be left for you.
- Remember to sign your name before you submit your application form.
- Be sure to read your Notice of Rights, Responsibilities and Penalties.

You may answer only **name, address and signature**, submit the form and *complete the remaining questions prior to your interview*. However, failure to complete the application could result in a delay in the processing of your application.

What Happens Next? You can mail, fax or bring the application form to your local DHS office. A case manager will review your application when it is received.

You must be interviewed: You must have an interview with your case manager to discuss the information you gave on your application. A Social Caseworker will contact you by phone to discuss your application for SNAP benefits.

Note: You will receive a letter scheduling an interview with an Eligibility Technician if the Social Caseworker is unable to reach you by phone. On the application, be sure to chose “Phone Interview” or “in Office”.

You must submit verification/proof: During the interview, a Social Caseworker will explain what verification/ proof and information you will need to give to receive SNAP benefits. A Social Caseworker will send you a verification checklist with the items you need to provide. You have 30 days from the date your application is received to give us the verification/ proof we need. Be sure to ask your case manager for help if you are having difficulty obtaining these verification/ proof. You can fax, mail, or bring the verification/ proof to your Eligibility Technician.

Decision: You will receive a decision on your application within 30 days.

What Verification/Proof Will I Need?

These are most of the verifications/proof you will need when applying for SNAP benefits.

- **Identification Showing your Name and Address:**
If you have no address, you must tell us where you are staying.
- **Verification/Proof of income:**
An award letter or direct deposit statement of unearned income including interest income amounts and frequency of payments. If you are working, submit your last four pay stubs, direct deposit statements or copies of checks.
- **Social Security Numbers for All Members Applying**
- **Verification/Proof of Noncitizen Status:**
If you are not a citizen, provide proof of legal noncitizen status. Alien status information may be subject to verification through USCIS and such information may affect the household's eligibility and level of benefits
- **Verification/Proof of Your Expenses (this is optional, but if eligible, your SNAP benefits could be higher if you submit proof of your expenses):**
Current receipts for housing costs: rent or mortgage, heating/cooling and utilities, medical bills or receipts (for prescriptions, eye glasses, diabetic supplies; etc).

The application contains questions with **Yes** or **No** answers. Please circle the appropriate response for the question.

For more information about how you can get SNAP benefits, call the Local SNAP DHS Offices at:

Providence Area Residents:	401-222-7276
Northern RI area residents:	401-235-6300
Warwick area residents:	1-800-282-7021
South County area residents:	1-800-282-7021
East Bay area residents:	401-729-5400