

What should I know about Basic Food benefits?

People in Household	Monthly Income Limit*
1	\$2,608
2	\$3,525
3	\$4,442
4	\$5,358
5	\$6,275

*Amounts updated every April

There are no resource or net income limits for most people.

- When you get Basic Food, you may qualify for other programs:
 - Free or reduced-price school meal program.
 - Special nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children or WIC.

You don't have to be a U.S. citizen to get food benefits

Immigrants who meet specific program rules under the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Program may be eligible for food benefits. **If you receive food benefits, you won't be considered for public charge.**

Undocumented immigrants, tourists and other categories of non-immigrants are ineligible for food benefits.



How do I apply?

You may apply by phone at 877-501-2233 or at the nearest Community Services Office. You don't have to fill out an application before you have your eligibility interview.



You may also apply online 24/7 at washingtonconnection.org or by mail. Follow up to complete your eligibility interview at 877-501-2233 or the nearest Community Services Office.

Fax: 888-338-7410

Mailing address:

DSHS Customer Service Contact Center

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Basic Food



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What is Basic Food?

Basic Food, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, helps people buy groceries.

Eligible households receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer, or EBT, card with monthly benefits to buy food at participating grocery stores.



Did you know? You can use Basic Food EBT benefits at farmers markets. You can also use them to buy food producing plants or seeds.

Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents

You or a member of your household may be required to meet ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents) work requirements by working an average of 80 hours per month (or 20 hours per week), participate in an approved work or training program for an average of at least 80 hours per month or volunteer in an approved, unpaid work program.

For more information on BFET services, go online to:

dshs.wa.gov/BFET

Can Basic Food help me with training or finding a job?

- Yes! If you get Basic Food, you can volunteer to participate in the Basic Food Employment and Training Program.
- BFET provides job search, job search training, educational services, skills training, and other employment opportunities to people who receive Basic Food.

Many organizations may provide help with transportation, child care or other resources that can help you work toward your career goals. Services are provided through community-based organizations and cover a wide variety of job sectors and career fields.

