



Food Assistance/ SNAP *(formerly Food Stamps)*

Food Assistance helps with the cost of purchasing food. Anyone may apply. If food is needed right away and certain criteria is met, applicants will be entitled to have their application processed within seven days.

Step 1 Complete an Application

Apply online at colorado.gov/PEAK or complete a paper application.

Step 2 Gather required documents

See the list in the right column of “Examples of Required Documents” and make copies. Copies of all documents can be submitted by mail, fax, or in person to the client’s county. Some counties can accept scanned and e-mailed documents. Make certain all documents list client name, date of birth, and/or confirmation number from Colorado PEAK.

Step 3 Complete an interview

A face-to-face or phone interview is required. If a paper application is submitted in person, an interview can be scheduled. Otherwise the applicant will receive a letter with instructions on how to schedule an interview.

Once all documents have been received by the county office and the interview is completed, benefits will be processed.

Processing time: 30 days regular
7 days expedited

Food Assistance Requirements

Income: Most households must have income at or below certain dollar limits to qualify. Households in which all members are receiving public financial assistance or SSI are not required to present additional proof of income.

Household Size	Maximum Gross* Monthly Income
1.....	\$1180
2.....	\$1594
3.....	\$2008
4.....	\$2422
5.....	\$2836
6.....	\$3249
7.....	\$3663
8.....	\$4077
Each Addl.	+\$414

*Gross pay is the larger amount of income before taxes or deductions. Net pay is the smaller amount of income actually received as a check.

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Benefit
1.....	\$200
2.....	\$367
3.....	\$526
4.....	\$668
5.....	\$793
6.....	\$952
7.....	\$1052
8.....	\$1202
Each Addl.	+\$150

Note: All benefit amounts are dependant on individual household size, income and allowable deductions.

Examples of Required Documents *not limited to the following*

Proof of	Documents
Identity	Driver's license , ID card, birth certificate or any document that verifies your identity
Residency	Rental agreement, mortgage statement, driver's license, rent receipt, or utility bills. In case of homeless applicant, verbal statement of residency
Social Security Number	Needed for all household members applying for food assistance or proof of application for a social security number.
Immigration Status	Legal Permanent Resident Card, I-94 or any document that verifies immigration status
Monthly Income	For all applying for assistance: paycheck stubs (for the last 30 days), benefit award letters from Social Security or Veteran's Assistance, unemployment insurance check stubs, pension information, child support received, any other money received
Clients may be asked to verify additional resources such as checking or savings accounts, investments, etc.	
The following documents may verify allowable income deductions that can help clients qualify for benefits:	
Court Ordered Child Support Payments	Court order, or stub with garnished wages
If you are eligible for food assistance, verifying the following information may increase the amount of benefit received.	
Monthly Shelter Costs	Lease or mortgage payment book, homeowner's insurance bills, proof of property taxes, utility bills or any document that shows responsibility for shelter costs
Out-of-Pocket Child Care Expense	Cancelled checks, bills, or receipts
Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses, Elderly or Disabled	Patient co-pay, medical bills, prescription receipts, etc.

Visit colorado.gov/cdhs for more food assistance details.

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