Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The District of Columbia’s (District) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provides eligible individuals and families with monthly benefits to purchase food.

SNAP benefits are provided on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, which is used as a debit card. EBT cards are accepted at most grocery stores, some farmers’ markets, convenience stores, big box stores, and some online stores. SNAP benefits generally cannot be used to buy prepared foods, vitamins, alcohol/tobacco, and nonfood items (like soap or toothpaste).

Who Is Eligible to Receive SNAP Benefits?
- Individuals (even if you are working), families, older adults, persons experiencing homelessness, disabled persons, many immigrants, including children 18 and under, and citizen children in mixed status families.

How Does a Person Apply for SNAP Benefits?
- Household size and income are used to determine eligibility.
- Applications can be submitted online via District Direct, in person at an Economic Security Administration (ESA) Service Center, or through the mail.
- For assistance, email your application to D.C. Hunger Solutions at info@dchunger.org.

Where Can a Person Submit a Completed SNAP Application in Person?
- A person may submit a completed SNAP application at any one of the five ESA Service Centers:
  - Anacostia: 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
  - Fort Davis: 3851 Alabama Avenue, SE

Who Can I Contact for Assistance With my SNAP Application?
- Contact D.C. Hunger Solutions:
  - Phone: 202-640-1088
  - Email: info@dchunger.org
  - Website: https://www.dchunger.org/federal-nutrition-programs/apply-for-snap/
- Contact D.C. Department of Human Services:
  - Phone: 202-727-5355
  - Email: dhs@dc.gov
  - Website: https://www.dhs.dc.gov/snapinfo