Georgia: Georgia Food Stamp (SNAP) Program

Description of Program and Relief

The Georgia Food Stamp Program (federally known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)) is a federally-funded health and nutrition program that predates COVID-19, which is available to eligible participants at this time. The program is federally mandated and administered by the Georgia Department of Family and Child Services (DFCS), and provides monthly food benefits to low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. The monthly benefits are issued via Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) and can be used to purchase food at grocery stores and farmers markets that accept EBT cards.

As a part of special COVID-19 relief measures, effective March 23, 2020, DFCS offices are temporarily reducing in-person operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a result, individuals are encouraged to use self-service options during this time (e.g., using online or telephonic resources to apply for and manage benefits, rather than visiting a DFCS office). Individuals can apply for the Georgia Food Stamp Program online at gateway.ga.gov, download an application at https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services, or call (877) 423-4746 for more information.

For those without access to online resources, requests can be made via phone for applications to be mailed to them. Customers should complete the applications at home and return by mail with supporting documentation included.

Government or Lead Agency

Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.

Dates Available

Ongoing.

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

In order to qualify for this benefit program, you must be a resident of the state of Georgia and meet one of the following requirements:

- You have a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under $2,001, or
You have a current bank balance (savings and checking combined) under $3,001 and share your household with one of the following:

- a person or persons age 60 or over, or
- a person with a disability (a child, your spouse, a parent, or yourself)

A chart of eligibility by annual household income (before taxes) can be found at https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1582.

For more guidance on program eligibility, please consult the information set forth here: https://gateway.ga.gov/access/accessController?id=178abc1ffe0b939056317fe47.

**Application Deadlines (If Applicable)**

Not Applicable.

**Contact for More Information**

Call (877) 423-4746, or, for general information, visit https://dfcs.georgia.gov.

**List of Additional Information**

For information on Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), visit https://www.connectebt.com/gaebtclient/index.jsp or call (888) 421-3281 for updates. https://gateway.ga.gov/access/accessController?id=178abc1ffe0b939056317fe47

The press release announcement is available here.