

Work Requirement

If you are age 18 through 49, with no minor children living in your home, you need to meet the work requirement to keep getting FoodShare benefits unless you are exempt. When you apply, you will be told if you need to meet the work requirement or if you are exempt. You may also be asked to provide proof.

You can meet the work requirement by:

- ✦ Working at least 80 hours each month, or
- ✦ Taking part in an allowable work program such as FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET), Wisconsin Works (W-2) or certain programs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) at least 80 hours each month, or
- ✦ Working and taking part in an allowable work program for a combined total of at least 80 hours each month.

FoodShare Employment and Training Program

FoodShare Employment and Training Program (FSET) offers FoodShare members free services to build job skills and find employment. If you need help finding a job, need to meet the work requirement or if you are currently working and want to increase your skills, FSET may be able to help you. Ask your agency about FSET.



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What is FoodShare Wisconsin?



FoodShare Wisconsin, also known as SNAP, helps people with limited income to buy food.

Who can get FoodShare benefits?

- ✦ Seniors
- ✦ Families
- ✦ Qualifying Immigrants
- ✦ Single Adults
- ✦ People with Disabilities

Even if you cannot get FoodShare benefits due to citizenship, family members born in the United States may be able to.

What can I buy with FoodShare benefits?

It's your choice. You can buy:

- ✦ Breads, cereals
- ✦ Fruits, vegetables
- ✦ Plants and seeds to grow food for your family
- ✦ Dairy products
- ✦ Meats, fish, poultry

How do I use my benefits to buy food?

FoodShare benefits come on a plastic card, called the Wisconsin QUEST card. You use this card just like a bank card.

Where can I use the QUEST card?

You can use the QUEST card at most grocery stores and convenience stores that take part in FoodShare. Other places you may be able to use your benefits are:

- ✦ Some farmers markets
- ✦ Group meal sites for senior citizens
- ✦ Meals-on-Wheels

How much will I get?

The amount of FoodShare benefits you get is based on your income and household size. The average monthly FoodShare amount per two parent household with income of \$1,773 per month is \$364. The minimum amount is \$16.

To see if you might be able to get benefits before you apply, go to access.wi.gov and click on "Am I Eligible". This is a tool that can tell you if you may be able to get benefits and how much. It is not an application so you will still need to apply to get benefits.

How much income can I have?

You may be able to enroll in FoodShare if all of your family's income is under the FoodShare limit.

You will need to list all of your family's income.

Some examples of income are:

- ✦ Job income/wages
- ✦ Self-employment income
- ✦ Disability Income
- ✦ Social Security Income
- ✦ Veterans Benefits
- ✦ Unemployment Insurance

Will I have to give my Social Security Number?

Everyone who wants benefits must give his/her Social Security Number. If you do not have one and you want benefits, you will need to apply for one.

How can I apply?

You can complete an application:

- ✦ Online: Go to access.wi.gov.
- ✦ Phone/In Person: Contact your agency to set up an appointment.
- ✦ By mail: Go to dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp for the application or contact your agency. Mail or fax the completed application to:

If you live in Milwaukee County:

MDPU
PO Box 05676
Milwaukee WI 53205
Fax: 1-888-409-1979

If you do not live in Milwaukee County

CDPU
PO Box 5234
Janesville, WI 53547-5234
Fax: 1-855-293-1822

Once you have submitted your application, you will need to have an interview with an agency worker, either by phone or in-person — it is your choice.

Questions? Get the address or phone number for your agency, call 1-800-362-3002 or go to dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp.