



Food and Financial Support Application

This form is to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Family Investment Program (FIP), or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). If you would prefer to complete an online application, please visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/>. Anyone may fill out an application and apply for one or both programs. You only need to complete the sections for the program(s) you want to apply for. Keep pages 1 & 2, and 13-16 for your records.

Part A – Everyone must complete this section to get either **SNAP** or **FIP**.

Part B – SNAP: This program helps you buy food for good health.

Part C – FIP or RCA: FIP provides temporary cash assistance to children and families. The Family Investment Program is also known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Refugees who do not get FIP may get Refugee Cash Assistance

You can turn in your application by mail, email, fax, or drop it off at any local HHS office.

If mailing application, use this address:
Cedar Rapids Service Area
Imaging Center 4
PO Box 2027
Cedar Rapids IA 52406-2027

If emailing application, use this email address:
imagingcenter4@hhs.iowa.gov

If faxing application, use this number:
515-564-4017

The date we receive Page 3 with your name, address, and signature is your application date. This starts the time we have to work on your application. It is also the date your SNAP may start. An interview will be set up for you if you need to have one. The interview will likely be held over the phone. There is information we must verify before we can process your application. You will be given time to provide that information. If you can't get proof of the information, you can ask HHS to help you get the information. Before we can process your application, we may ask for proof of the following:

- Your identity, as well as the people who are applying for benefits. Examples of that proof include: a driver's license, social security card, or alien documentation card.
- That you and the people you are applying for are U.S. citizens or nationals.
- The money you have gotten in the last 30 days such as check stubs, self-employment records, child support payment printouts, or award letters (such as disability benefits, Veterans benefits or financial aid).
- Assets you have, such as bank accounts, trust accounts, stocks, or bonds.
- Expenses you have, such as shelter, utilities, day care, and child support.

Information About Immigration Status - You can apply for part of your household even if some members do not have lawful immigrant status. For example, parents who do not have lawful immigrant status may apply for their children who are U.S. citizens or qualified lawful immigrants. You need to give proof of immigration status or U.S. citizenship for each person in your household for whom you apply.

Your household's alien status may be checked with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Any information we get from USCIS may affect your household's benefits. We will not contact the Citizenship and Immigration Service about the people you don't apply for. However, we may use their income and assets to see if the rest of the household can get help.

Emergency Service - SNAP

This is who can get SNAP in seven days:

- Households with gross monthly income less than \$150 and with assets, such as cash or bank accounts, of \$100 or less; or
- Households with rent, mortgage, and utilities that are more than the household's gross monthly income and assets; or
- Households with a migrant or seasonal farm worker and with assets of \$100 or less whose income is stopping or starting.

SNAP in 30 days

If you don't get Emergency Service, you will get SNAP within 30 days if you are eligible, or a letter telling you why you are not eligible.

FIP or RCA

You will get FIP or RCA within 30 days if you are eligible, or a letter telling you why you are not eligible.

Voter Registration

If you want to register to vote, you can complete a voter registration form at https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Voter_Registration.pdf. Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.

We use the following terms on the application. This is what they mean:

Alien	A person who is not a U.S. citizen.
Appeal	A request for hearing based on a decision made by the Department.
EAC	Electronic access card (Mastercard debit card) for getting your cash benefits.
EBT card	Electronic benefit transfer card is a plastic swipe card that you use to buy food.
Eligible	Meeting all of the program rules to get benefits from HHS.
Household	A group of people who live together.
Migrant Farm Worker	A person who travels to find work harvesting crops on a seasonal basis.
PROMISE JOBS	A work and training program for the Family Investment Program (FIP).
Quality Control	A HHS unit that might review your case to see if you are getting the correct assistance. If your case is chosen, the Quality Control unit will contact you.
Refugee	A person who enters the U.S. with a refugee status.
Seasonal Farm Worker	A person who works on a farm on a seasonal basis within driving distance of their home.
Stocks, bonds, savings certificates, annuities, IRAs, Keogh	These are different types of financial investments and that may be considered resources/assets for SNAP and FIP.



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Check the box next to the program(s) you want to apply for:

- ☐ **SNAP** ☐ **Family Investment Program (FIP)**
☐ **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**

You do not need to apply for programs you already get. **If you can't fill out the whole application today at least fill out your name, address, and signature and turn in this page. If you only fill out your name, address, and signature, then please fill out and turn in the rest of the application as soon as you can to help us get your application processed. If you need help filling out this form, call your local HHS office.**

Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Phone Number ()	We will call you to do an interview by phone. What is the best time to reach you to have the interview?	
Street Address	City	State ZIP Code
Mailing Address (if different)	City	State ZIP Code
County You Live In	Email Address	
Do you need an interpreter? If yes, which language?		

I authorize HHS to communicate confidential information with me by email at the email address I provided above. Confidential information includes anything needed for HHS to process my application. By giving HHS my email address, I understand that it is my responsibility to tell my HHS worker if my email address changes or to stop communicating with me by email.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The answers I am about to give are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- My answer about citizenship or alien status of each person applying for assistance is correct.

Your Signature or Mark	Today's Date
Signature of Person, If Any, Who Helped Complete the Form	Today's Date
Print Name of Person Who Helped Complete Form	Phone Number
Mailing Address of Person Who Helped Complete Form	City State ZIP Code

Social Security Number Information

We can give help only to people who give us their social security number (SSN) or proof of application from the Social Security office. You don't have to give us the SSN for people in your household who you do not want help for, but you can choose to give us their SSN. However, we will use any SSN given to us the same way we use the SSN of people getting assistance. If you do not give us an SSN for people in your household, we will deny assistance to those people. There are some exceptions to this. Please ask your worker. We will not give any SSN to the Citizenship and Immigration Service.

People in Your Home

Part A

List **all** people who live in your home and mark the box **yes** or **no** if you are applying for that person. If you choose no, you only need to list their name, relationship to you, and their birth date.

*Only required if applying for FIP.

We have to ask your ethnicity and race, but you **do not** have to answer. The reason for the information is to assure that program benefits are distributed without regard to race, color, or national origin. Your answer won't affect how much you get or how soon. If you choose to answer, use the following codes:

**Ethnicity

H = Hispanic or Latino

N = Not Hispanic or Latino

***Race (Choose all that apply)

W = White

B = Black or African American

A = Asian

I = American Indian or Alaskan Native

N = Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Apply for? Yes/ No	Name (First, MI, Last)	Relationship to You	Birth Date	SSN	Citizen Yes/ No	If Not a Citizen, What is Your Alien Status	Birth State*	Last Grade in School*	Ethnicity **	Race ***
		Self								

Grandparents and others applying for children who are not your own - If you are applying for FIP **only** for the children, answer the remaining questions only about the children. If you are applying for SNAP or want FIP for yourself, answer the questions about everyone in your home.

List anyone in your home who is disabled: _____

List anyone age 18 or over who is in college or trade school: _____

List anyone getting benefits from another state: _____ Which state? _____

List anyone who is on strike or gets regular meals instead of paying rent: _____

List anyone who is in the military, a veteran, or a spouse of a veteran: _____

List anyone in your home who is pregnant: _____

Criminal Actions and Disqualifications**Part A**

Is anyone fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or jail for a felony crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Is anyone violating a condition of probation or parole? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Is anyone in or expecting to go to jail or prison? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Has anyone been disqualified from SNAP in any state for fraud or a program violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Income**Part A**

You must tell us about all money the people in your household get. **If you leave a space blank, we will take that to mean no one in your household gets money of this kind.** Please use an additional sheet of paper, if needed. **You may be required to show proof of your income for the last 30 days.** List all jobs the people in your household have.

Who Works	Employer Name	Paid Per Hour	Hours Worked Each Week	How Often Paid	Tips Received
		\$ _____	Regular Hours _____ Overtime Hours _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Weekly Amount \$ _____
		\$ _____	Regular Hours _____ Overtime Hours _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Weekly Amount \$ _____
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Does anyone get bonuses or commissions? If yes, who? _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will the amount of money you get from working stay about the same? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, explain: _____

Has anyone been hired for a job but not received a paycheck yet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who? _____ New employer name? _____

Rate of pay _____ Hours worked per week _____

Has anyone reduced their work hours or ended a job in the last 30 days? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who? _____ Employer name? _____

What Other Money Do People in Your Household Get?	Who Gets the Money?	How Much Per Month?	Will This Amount Stay the Same? If No, Explain
Self-Employment or Odd Jobs Send the most recent federal tax forms. If a tax return hasn't been filed, send records that show income and expenses			
Unemployment Benefits or Worker's Compensation			
Social Security or SSI			
Veterans Benefits, Pensions, or Retirement			
Child Support or Alimony			
Money from Friends or Relatives			
Other: (Include irregular or one-time payments)			

Expenses	Part A
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If you have **day care** expenses for a child or a disabled adult who lives with you, tell us how much you are responsible to pay below. We need proof of how much you are responsible to pay to see if you can get a deduction. Proof can be receipts or statement of expenses from the provider.

Who gets care: _____ Amount you pay \$ _____ per month

If anyone pays court-ordered **child support**, tell us how much you pay below. We need proof of how much you pay to see if you can get a deduction.

Who pays: _____ Amount you pay \$ _____ per month

Resources (Assets)	Part A
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Does anyone have a car, truck, boat, camper, motorcycle, or other vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list make, model, year: _____

List the total money anyone has in:

Checking/savings or other bank/credit union accounts \$ _____ Who? _____

Cash \$ _____ Who? _____

Stocks, bonds, savings certificates, annuities, IRAs, Keogh, or other assets \$ _____ Who? _____

List anyone who:

Owns land, buildings or houses other than the house you live in: _____

Owns resources with someone who does not live in your household: _____

Has a conservatorship or trust: _____

Has sold, traded or given away any resources in the past three months: _____

Help With Your SNAP – Authorized Representative

Part B

If you feel like you need help from someone else to be at your HHS interviews, complete your HHS documents, answer HHS questions, and buy food for you with your EBT benefits, you can tell us who that is. The person who represents you to HHS is called your Authorized Representative (AR). It's very important to pick an AR who you trust and can rely on. Any information given to HHS from your AR is the same as if that information came from you. If they give wrong information and you get too many benefits, you will have to pay those benefits back. If they use your EBT benefits, you can't get those benefits replaced. You don't have to have an AR. It's optional and is your decision.

I understand what having an Authorized Representative means and I would like to have one. I understand HHS will be able to share my information with the person I list below.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____

Email address _____ Relationship to you _____

SNAP

Part B

Write down the names of the people in your household who are **not** applying for SNAP

Write the names of the people who live with you, but **don't** eat with you _____

Does anyone who lives with you already have an Iowa EBT card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who _____

List anyone in your household who aged out of foster care _____

List anyone in your household who is experiencing homelessness _____

Is anyone a migrant or seasonal farm worker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted, after September 22, 1996, of:

Buying or selling SNAP benefits over \$500? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fraudulently receiving duplicate SNAP benefits in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Trading SNAP benefits for drugs, guns, ammunition or explosives? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To get the most SNAP you can, please tell us about your bills.

Shelter

Do you get rent assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, enter the exact amount you are responsible to pay. **Do not estimate.** \$ _____ per month

Tell us the exact amount you are responsible to pay. **Do not estimate.**

Rent \$ _____ per month

Lot rent \$ _____ per month

Mortgage* \$ _____ per month

*If you pay taxes or insurance separate from your mortgage, list the **exact amounts** you are responsible to pay. **Do not estimate.**

Property Taxes: \$ _____ every ☐ 1 ☐ 3 ☐ 6 ☐ 12 months

Homeowner's Insurance: \$ _____ every ☐ 1 ☐ 3 ☐ 6 ☐ 12 months

Check the boxes next to the utility bills you have to pay:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lights/Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sewage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage and Trash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra charges from your landlord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain _____ | |

Check the boxes if:

- ☐ Any of the utility bills you have to pay are for heating or air conditioning.
- ☐ You got energy assistance in the past year.
- ☐ Your utilities are included in your rent.
- ☐ Anyone helps you pay rent, utilities, or other expenses. Example: roommate, parent, friend, etc. If yes, who helped and which expenses did they pay? _____

Who pays: _____ Amount you pay \$ _____ per month

Medical Expenses

If you have **medical expenses** not paid by insurance for anyone who is disabled or over age 59, tell us. These could be doctor or hospital bills, medicine, transportation, health insurance premiums, home health costs, health-related supplies, medical equipment, or other medical expenses.

Who pays: _____ Amount you pay \$ _____ per month

Help Paying Expenses - If you get help with your expenses tell us:

Which Expense Was Paid	Who Paid	Amount Paid

If you do not get FIP or Refugee Cash Assistance and want to apply, answer the questions in this section.

List the people in your home who are **not** applying for FIP _____

List anyone who already has an Iowa Electronic Access Card (EAC) _____

Does anyone expect to get a one-time payment such as an inheritance or insurance settlement or did anyone get one in the past 30 days? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does anyone have life or death benefit insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List anyone in your household who received TANF or other cash assistance benefits outside of Iowa since January 1, 1997 _____

Where were the benefits received and for what months? _____

Child Support

Complete this section for each parent who does not live in the home with their children.

Name and Address of Parent Not Living in the Home	Date of Birth of This Parent	Social Security Number of This Parent	Name of This Parent's Children	County Where Court Order is Filed, if Any

Name and address of employer of parent not in the home _____

If ever married to this parent, list the date and place of marriage _____

Addendum to Application and Review Forms for Release of Information

OPTIONAL Release of Information

Help Us Help You!

You do not have to sign this, but it will help us get information we need to help you, without having to get your signature on specific requests.

You should know that:

- We may need more information to decide if you can get assistance.
- If more information is needed from you, you will get a letter telling you what we need and the date you must get it to us.
- You are responsible to get the information or to ask us for help to get it.
- If you do not give us the information or ask for help by the due date, your application may be denied or your assistance may stop.
- We may be able to use the release below to get the information we need. **But you still have to provide information we request or ask us for help.**
- We may attach a copy of this release to a form that asks other people or organizations (like your employer) for specific information needed about you or others in your household.

Print and sign your name below to give us permission to get needed information.

Release of Information

I hereby authorize any person or organization to give the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services requested information about me or other members of my household.

A copy of this release is as valid as the original.

This release does not apply to protected health information.

This release is good for 12 months from the date signed.

Your Name (please print clearly)

Other Adult Name (please print clearly)

Signature or Mark

Signature or Mark

Date

You Have the Right to Appeal which is a request for a hearing about a decision you disagree with made by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). [441 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 7] You can appeal in person, by phone, or in writing for SNAP, Child Care Assistance (CCA), Family Investment Program (FIP) or Medicaid. To appeal in writing, you must do one of the following:

- Complete an appeal electronically at <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/appeals>, or
- Write a letter telling us why you think a decision is wrong, or
- Fill out an **Appeal and Request for Hearing** form. You can get this form at your county HHS office.

Mail your appeal to HHS, Appeals Bureau, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319. If you need help filing an appeal, ask your county HHS office. You can represent yourself or you can have someone else act on your behalf. Iowa Legal Aid provides free civil legal assistance. Their phone number is (800) 532-1275.

How long do I have to appeal? For SNAP or Medicaid, you have 90 calendar days from the date of a decision to file an appeal. For all other programs, you must file an appeal within 30 calendar days of the date of a decision or before the date a decision goes into effect. If you file an appeal more than 30 but less than 90 calendar days from the date of a decision, you must tell us why your appeal is late. If you have a good reason for filing your appeal late, we will decide if you can get a hearing. If you file an appeal 90 days after the date of a decision, we cannot give you a hearing.

Can I keep getting benefits when my appeal is pending? You may keep your benefits until an appeal is final or through the end of your certification period if you file an appeal within 10 calendar days of the date the notice is received. A notice is considered to be received 5 calendar days after the date on the notice. FIP, CCA, and Medicaid benefits can also continue if an appeal is filed before the date a decision is in effect. Benefits you get while your appeal is pending may have to be paid back if the HHS action is correct.

How will I know if I get a hearing? You will get a hearing notice that tells you the date and time a phone hearing is scheduled. You will get a letter telling you if you do not get a hearing. It will also explain what you can do if you disagree with the decision to not give you a hearing.

You Will Not Be Discriminated Against - It is the policy of HHS to provide equal treatment in employment and provision of services to applicants, employees and clients without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, political belief or veteran status. If you feel HHS has discriminated against or harassed you, please send a letter detailing your complaint to: HHS, Bureau of Human Resources, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319 or via email inclusion@hhs.iowa.gov

In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, [AD-3027](#), found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the

information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. Mail: USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Room 334 Alexandria, VA 22314; or
2. Email: FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov

SNAP, FIP, and RCA - We Check What You Tell Us

The information you give us may be checked by federal, state, and local officials to make sure it is true. Things we might check are any listed person's: social security number, job and pay, bank account amount, amounts received from other sources like Social Security or unemployment, and alien status. If any information you give us is not correct, we may deny your application.

We may check records from other states to see if any person in your household can get benefits in Iowa. This may be because a person was disqualified from a program in another state.

We check and use computer systems like the state Income and Eligibility Verification System. If something you told us is different from what the computer system tells us, we will check to find out what is correct. We might check your information by contacting your employer, your bank, or other people. Such information may affect your household's eligibility and level of benefits.

Things You Need to Know

- HHS may give your answers to law enforcement to catch persons fleeing to avoid the law.
- The Quality Control unit or Investigations unit may review your case. They may contact other people or organizations to get proof of your information. By signing this application, you give permission to release confidential information to the Quality Control unit or Investigations unit. You must cooperate with Quality Control and Investigations to keep your FIP benefits. You must cooperate with Quality Control to keep your SNAP benefits.
- We will use the information you give us to determine the assistance you are eligible to receive.
- You will have to pay back any benefits you got or that was paid to a third party on your behalf for which you were not eligible.
- Section 1128B of the Social Security Act provides federal penalties for fraudulent acts and false reporting in connection with these programs.
- Anyone who gets, tries to get, or helps any other person get assistance to which they are not entitled, is guilty of violating the laws of the state of Iowa. This includes, but is not limited to, Iowa Code Chapters 239B, 243, 249, and 249A.
- Your expenses may be used to figure the amount of assistance you get. You may have expenses included in your benefit calculation by reporting and giving proof of your expenses. If you do not report or give proof of your expenses, you choose not to claim the expense. You can report and give proof later, and the expense can be used for future months.

You Also Have the Right to

- Have someone help you complete the application.
- Have all of your questions answered.
- Get information about programs you applied for and any other HHS programs you may be able to get.
- Be sent a notice if you are eligible and when your benefits change or stop.
- Have information about you and your family kept private.

To Report a Change - Email IMCSC@hhs.iowa.gov or call 1-877-347-5678 Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., excluding state holidays

SNAP Only - Follow these Rules of the SNAP Program:

- **Don't** hide or give wrong information on purpose to get SNAP benefits.
- **Don't** use SNAP benefits to buy non-food items like alcohol or tobacco.
- **Don't** trade, sell, or give away SNAP benefits.
- **Don't** use someone else's SNAP benefits for yourself.

- **Don't** purchase a product with SNAP benefits that has a container requiring a return deposit with the intent of obtaining cash by intentionally discarding the product and intentionally returning the container for the deposit amount.
- **Don't** buy food on credit and attempt to pay for it with SNAP.
- **Don't** buy a product with SNAP benefits so you can get cash or something other than eligible food by reselling that product.
- **Don't** fail to report if your household goes over its income limit.
If you get SNAP, your worker will tell you what your household's income limit is. If your household's income goes over your limit, or if anyone in your household receives lottery or gambling winnings of \$4,250 or more in any month, you must tell us by the 10th day of the next month. If you don't tell us on time, you might have to pay back the benefits.

Penalties of the SNAP Program. Anyone who breaks the above rules:

- **May not get SNAP benefits for one year for the first time, two years for the second time, and forever for the third time;**
- **May be fined up to \$250,000 or jailed up to 20 years or both; and may also be subject to prosecution under other applicable Federal and State laws.**
- **May be kept off SNAP for an additional 18 months, if court ordered.**
- **If a court finds you guilty of trading SNAP benefits for firearms, ammunition, or explosives, you will lose benefits forever.**
- **If a court finds you guilty of buying, selling, or trading more than \$500 in SNAP benefits, you will lose benefits forever.**
- **If a court finds you guilty of trading SNAP benefits for controlled substances, you will lose benefits for two years the first time and forever the second time.**
- **You will not get SNAP for 10 years if you are found guilty of getting or trying to get SNAP in more than one household at a time. This penalty happens if you give wrong information about who you are or where you live.**

Giving wrong information on purpose may result in us taking legal action against you, either criminal or civil. It might also mean we reduce your benefits or take money back from you.

Things You Need to Know

- If you have a SNAP overpayment, HHS will give your answers to federal and state agencies as well as private claims collection agencies, to collect the overpayment.
- The SNAP office may contact other people or organizations to get proof of your information.
- The application filing date is different if your household is in an institution and applying for SNAP and Supplemental Security Income at the same time. In this case, the filing date is the date of release from the institution.
- For information regarding services provided for Healthy Marriages contact your local office.
- You may not be denied SNAP benefits just because you were denied benefits from other programs. SNAP applications will not be delayed due to requirements of other programs you may apply for.
- By having signed this application, you agree that all members of your household will register for work and follow all of the work and training rules.
- To see what employment and training opportunities are available, please visit:
 - SNAP Employment & Training (E&T) Program either by phone (515) 281-3131 or online at: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/job-training>
 - Your local IowaWorks Center at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/contact>
 - United Way – 211
- The collection of information on the application, including the SSN of each household member, is authorized under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly the Food Stamp Act of 1977), as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036. The information will be used to determine whether your household is eligible or continues to be eligible to participate in the SNAP program. We will verify this information

through computer matching programs. This information will be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management.

- A household consisting of only Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applicants or recipients is entitled to apply for SNAP recertification at a Social Security Administration office.

FIP or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Only - Within 10 days of the date the change happens, you must tell HHS about changes, such as:

- Income, when it starts or stops, including getting an inheritance or a one-time payment of past due child support
- Resources or assets
- Someone moving in or out of your home
- Mailing or living address
- Receipt of an SSN
- Change of school attendance of a child

Additional Information

- If you receive FIP or Refugee Cash Assistance benefits, your SNAP may go down or stop.
- Unless exempt, all members of your household must cooperate with the Family Investment Agreement (FIA) you sign with PROMISE JOBS. Talk with your worker if you feel you have a reason not to cooperate. If you choose not to participate in your FIA, your FIP benefits will stop.
- You must cooperate with the Child Support Services. While you get FIP, you give up your rights to child support for the months you are on FIP. The state of Iowa will keep your child support to pay back the money you get from FIP.

Using Your FIP/RCA Electronic Access Card (EAC) or Your Debit Card to Access FIP/RCA Funds from Your Personal Bank Account - You cannot access your cash benefits with your EAC or personal debit card at a:

- Liquor store or any place that mainly sells liquor,
- Casino or other gambling or gaming establishment, or
- Business which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state (such as a strip club).

This includes these types of businesses located in Iowa, on tribal land, or in any other state. If HHS determines that you have accessed your cash benefits with your EAC or personal debit card at one of the above places you:

- Will have committed fraud,
- Have to repay the amount of cash accessed at the location, as well as any access fees, and
- Your family will not get cash benefits for three months with the first misuse and six months for each additional misuse.

By having signed this application, you agree that no member of your household will use the EAC or your personal debit card to access FIP/RCA funds at prohibited locations.

Additional Responsibilities - You must

- Apply for and accept any benefits that you may be able to get.
- Give us information and provide proof when we ask for it.
- Fill out review forms when you are asked to.

Penalty for Getting FIP in More Than One State

You will not get FIP for 10 years if you are found guilty of getting or trying to get FIP in more than one state at a time. This penalty happens if you give wrong information about where you live.