

College Student Eligibility Requirements for SNAP Benefits

College students must be employed for an average of 20 hours per week and be paid for such employment or, if self-employed, be employed for an average of 20 hours per week and receiving earnings, after countable expenses, at least equal to the Federal minimum wage multiplied by 20 hours per week, unless they have some exemptions such as: disabled, responsible for a child, etc.

Must be participating in a State or federally financed work study program during the regular school year. To qualify under this provision, the student must be approved for work study at the time of application for SNAP benefits, the work study must be approved for the school term, and the student must anticipate actually working during that time. The exemption shall begin with the month in which the school term begins or the month work study is approved, whichever is later.

If you have further questions, please contact your local DSS Office in Horry County at (843) 366-1600. Also you may contact DSS Connect call center at 1.800.616.1309.

SNAP Benefits Program

How to Apply

Online: <https://southcarolinafoodstamps.org/form/>
In Person or By Mail: Horry County DSS, 1951 Industrial Park Rd., Conway, SC 29526
By Fax: (843) 366-1651

Items Needed to Apply

Financial Information	A Photo ID from your School
Certified, US Birth Certificate	Your State Voter Registration Card
An ID Badge from your Place of Employment	Proof of Legal Presence – Noncitizens

Refer to pages 23-25 of Food Stamps Guide

What to Bring for Interview

Proof of Identity	Proof of Legal Presence – Noncitizens
Proof of Employment/Job Search Documents	Household Income Statements
Any Questions You May Have	

Refer to pages 26-28 of Food Stamps Guide

How to Appeal SNAP Benefits When Denied in South Carolina

The first step applicants take for the food stamps appeal process in South Carolina is getting in touch with either SNAP directly, or going right to Horry County DSS. To start, the food stamps denial in South Carolina should be appealed with a detailed letter authored by the applicant explaining why he or she believes the denial is unjust.

Refer to pages 33& 34 of Food Stamps Guide

Once You Receive Your Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card

Call an EBT Customer Service Representative Select 4 Digit Pin

Refer to pages 35-37 of Food Stamps Guide

Purchase Food

Items Allowed to Purchase and Unallowable Items

Any food for the household, such as:

- Fruits and vegetables;
- Meat, poultry, and fish;
- Dairy products;
- Breads and cereals;
- Other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- Seeds and plants, which produce food for the household to eat.

Households CANNOT use SNAP benefits to buy:

- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, or tobacco
- Vitamins, medicines, and supplements. If an item has a Supplement Facts label, it is considered a supplement and is not eligible for SNAP purchase.
- Live animals (except shellfish, fish removed from water, and animals slaughtered prior to pick-up from the store).
- Prepared Foods fit for immediate consumption
- Hot foods
- Any nonfood items such as:
 - Pet foods
 - Cleaning supplies, paper products, and other household supplies.
 - Hygiene items, cosmetics

Refer to pages 47-59 of Food Stamps Guide

Common Locations Where Food Stamps are Accepted

Supermarkets
Major Retailers and Pharmacy Chains
Gas Station Shops and Convenience

Farmer's Markets
Food Co-Ops

Refer to page 50 of Food Stamps Guide

How to Renew your SNAP Benefits

Participants submit a food stamps renewal every three months or prior to the expiration of their benefits. An approved request to renew food stamps will provide benefits to claimants, typically without any disruption. A family that wants to renew food stamps will need to present current income, including bank data and assets owned. In cases where income levels rose, a food stamps renewal in South Carolina may be rejected if income exceeds the maximum allowed.

Refer to pages 38-39 of Food Stamps Guide