



If you need an interpreter or other help completing this form, contact your local county or tribal agency for help. To find the telephone number and/or address of your local county or tribal agency go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/customerhelp or call Member Services at 1-800-362-3002.

You may have another adult complete the application process for you. If your FoodShare benefits stopped within the last 30 days you may complete this form or contact your worker to find out if you can provide information to reopen your FoodShare without completing this form.

You can start the application process for FoodShare by providing your name, address and signature online at access.wi.gov or on this page and returning it to your local agency. You can also apply online at access.wi.gov, by mail, in person or by telephone. To complete the application for FoodShare, you must have an interview, either by telephone or in person.

You will be asked to provide proof of certain information such as identity, address and income. If you are enrolled in FoodShare, benefits will begin from the date your local agency receives your name, address and signature, which can be provided on this form or at access.wi.gov.

Name – Applicant (Last, First, MI)				
Social Security Number (Optional)		Date of Birth (Optional)		Telephone Number (Optional)
Address – Street		City		State
				Zip Code
Signature (Applicant or Authorized Representative)				Date Signed

Your FoodShare application will be processed as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date your registration form is received by the FoodShare office.

If you need help right away or have an emergency, you may be able to get FoodShare within 7 days of providing your registration form if, your household:

- Has \$100 or less available in cash or in the bank and
- Expects to receive less than \$150 of income this month; **or**
- Has rent/mortgage or utility costs that are more than your total gross monthly income, available cash or bank accounts for this month; **or**
- Includes a migrant or seasonal farm worker whose income has stopped.

Answer the following questions to be considered for faster service.

Total gross income expected by your household this month (before taxes or other deductions)	\$ _____
Total available assets (examples: cash, money in checking/savings accounts, CDs, stocks, IRAs, etc)	\$ _____
Total rent or mortgage this month	\$ _____
Total utilities this month (examples: gas, electric, water, sewer, trash removal)	\$ _____
Did your household receive FoodShare benefits this month?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is anyone in your household a migrant or seasonal farm worker whose income has recently stopped and does not expect to receive more than \$25 in income, in the next 10 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Tear Off and Submit This Page to Your Local FoodShare Office

Keep the attached pages. If you do not understand any part of this form, ask your local agency to explain it.

FoodShare Wisconsin Important Information

This FoodShare Wisconsin application is for FoodShare benefits only and is not an application for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Child Care or Wisconsin Works (W-2). You can apply for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid and FoodShare online at access.wi.gov or by contacting your local county or tribal agency. You must contact your local county or tribal agency to apply for Child Care or W-2.

FoodShare is an entitlement. You do not have to apply for W-2 or other programs to be able to get FoodShare benefits. FoodShare benefits are available to help meet nutritional needs of low income households. A household is usually made up of people who live together and share food. The amount of FoodShare benefits a household gets is based on the household's size and income. FoodShare benefits are issued on a Wisconsin QUEST card which is used like a debit card at grocery stores that accept FoodShare.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution (local county or tribal agency) is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination write to the USDA or the Department of Health Services:

USDA
Director, Office of Civil Rights
Room 326-W, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.,
Washington D.C. 20250-9410

Telephone: (800) 795-3272 (voice) or
(202) 720-6382 (TTY)

Department of Health Services (DHS)
Affirmative Action and Civil Rights Compliance Office
1 W. Wilson, Room 555
Madison, WI 53707-7850

Telephone: (608) 266-9372 (Voice) or
1-888-701-1251 (TTY)
Fax: (608) 267-2147

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FAIR HEARING

You have the right to a fair hearing if you do not agree with any action taken regarding your application or your ongoing benefits. You may request a fair hearing by writing or calling:

Department of Administration
Division of Hearing and Appeals
P.O. Box 7875
Madison, WI 53707-7875
(608) 266-3096

The Request for a Fair Hearing form may be downloaded at dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/customerhelp. You may also contact your local county or tribal office to ask for a Fair Hearing verbally or in writing.

USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS/PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

Personally identifiable information, including Social Security Numbers (SSN) will be used only for the direct administration of FoodShare Wisconsin. Providing or applying for an SSN is voluntary; however anyone who does not provide their SSN or apply for one, will not be able to get FoodShare benefits. Anyone in the household who is not applying for FoodShare does not need to provide an SSN. Your SSN permits a computer check of your information from government agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, Department of Workforce Development or School Lunch Program. SSNs are also used to check identity and to verify income from sources such as employers.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

You have the right to have another person apply for FoodShare benefits for you. This person will act as an "authorized representative". If you want to have an authorized representative, complete the Authorization of Representative form (F-10126). To get this form go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/em/customerhelp or ask the local agency. If an authorized representative provides wrong information which is used to determine your FoodShare benefits, you will be responsible for any mistakes.

IMMIGRATION STATUS

To be able to get FoodShare, you must be a United States citizen or have a qualifying immigration status with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Immigration status of all people applying for FoodShare will be verified with USCIS and may affect FoodShare enrollment and benefit amount. Immigration status will NOT be verified with USCIS for any person who is not applying for FoodShare or who indicate they do not have qualifying immigration status with the USCIS. However, income from those individuals may affect FoodShare enrollment or benefit amount.

WORK REGISTRATION

Every one in your FoodShare group must be registered for work, unless otherwise exempt. Those who do not have to register for work include:

- A parent or other household member who is responsible for the care of a dependent child who is less than 6 years old, or for a disabled person of any age;
- A person younger than 16 years of age, or 60 years of age or older;
- People in drug addiction or alcohol treatment programs;
- People who are already working at least 30 hours per week (or are getting weekly earnings which equal 30 times the federal minimum hourly wage);
- People who are getting, or have applied for, Unemployment Insurance;
- Students enrolled in a recognized school, training program, or institution of higher learning; or
- People who are physically or mentally unfit for employment as determined by the local agency.

Although registration for work is required, taking part in a work program is voluntary. Your benefits will not change if you choose not to take part. You will get more information about the FoodShare Employment and Training Program if you are enrolled in FoodShare.

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The collection of information on the application, including the Social Security Number of each household member applying, is authorized under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036 to determine if your household is able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin. Information will be verified through computer matching programs and will also be used to monitor compliance with FoodShare program rules and program management.

COMPUTER CHECK

Information on your application will be subject to verification through the state income and eligibility verification system. If you work, job income and wages you report will be checked by computer against wages your employer reports to the Department of Workforce Development. The IRS, Social Security Administration and Unemployment Insurance Division are also contacted about income and assets you may have. Information from these agencies may affect your household's enrollment and/or benefit amount.

If any information you give is found to be incorrect, you may be denied FoodShare benefits and/or be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing false information. You must repay any benefits you get, if you gave false information. If a FoodShare claim is made against your household, information on the application, including all Social Security Numbers, may be referred to federal and state agencies, as well as private collection agencies for claims collection action.

FOODSHARE PENALTY WARNING

Any member of your household who intentionally breaks any of the following rules can be barred from FoodShare for 12 months after the first violation, 24 months after the second violation or for the first violation involving a controlled substance, and permanently for the third violation.

- Giving false information or hiding information to get or continue to get FoodShare benefits,
- Trading or selling FoodShare benefits,
- Using FoodShare benefits to buy nonfood items, like alcohol or tobacco,
- Using another person's FoodShare benefits, identification cards or other documentation.

Depending on the value of the misused benefits, you can also be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years or both. A court can also bar you from FoodShare Wisconsin for an additional 18 months. You will be permanently disqualified if you are convicted of trafficking FoodShare benefits of \$500 or more. You will not be able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin for 10 years if you are found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to identity and residence to receive multiple benefits at the same time. Fleeing felons and probation/parole violators are not able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin. You may also be subject to further prosecution under other applicable federal laws.

If you trade (buy or sell) FoodShare benefits for a controlled substance/illegal drugs, you will be barred from the FoodShare program for a period of 2 years for the first finding and permanently for the second finding. If you trade (buy or sell) firearms, ammunition or explosives, you will be barred from FoodShare Wisconsin permanently.

PROOF NEEDED

Enrollment in FoodShare cannot be determined until you provide proof of certain answers. The list below shows what is proof is needed and items you can use. If you have an appointment at the agency, please bring as many items on the list as you can to your interview. If your appointment is by phone, you will be sent a list of the items you will need after your appointment. If you are not able to get the items you need, tell us what items you are not able to get and we can help you. You may be asked to give proof of items not listed below. If so, your worker will send you a list of other proof that is needed.

<u>Proof Needed</u>	<u>Suggested Ways to Give Proof</u>
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers License • Birth Certificate • Passport or US Citizen Card • Paycheck • Employee ID • Hospital Record.
Earned Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All check stubs received in the last 30 days • A signed statement from employer that includes gross earnings and pay dates expected in the next 30 days • Employer Verification of Earnings form
Unearned Income Unemployment Insurance Disability Insurance, Social Security, Retirement, Veteran's Benefits, Military Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award letter • Copy of last check
Monthly Rent or House Payment (Required to get a credit.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current rent receipt with landlord's name and phone number on it • Lease or mortgage papers • Real estate property tax statement • Homeowner's insurance statement
Monthly Utility Expenses (Required to get a credit.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current utility and phone bills • Statement from utility company
Child Care Expenses (Required to get a credit.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed statement from the child care provider • Receipts • Bills
Child Support received or paid in a state other than Wisconsin (Required to get a credit.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court order papers or other record of payment • Payment record from other state



APPLICATION

This application is for FoodShare benefits only. This is not an application for Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Child Care or W-2. If you are interested in applying for these assistance programs you must contact your local agency. These programs provide persons or families help with the cost of health care, child care or finding a job as part of W-2.

How to use this form

1. Do not write in the shaded sections.
2. Print clearly. Use blue or black ink.
3. Fill out the application completely.
4. If you need help filling out this application, contact your local agency and ask for help. If you have a disability and need to access this application in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, please contact (608) 266-3356 (voice) or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY). These translation services are free of charge.
5. To complete the application process for FoodShare benefits you will be required to have an interview with a FoodShare or Social Security Administration worker.

SECTION 1 – LOCAL COUNTY OR TRIBAL AGENCY INFORMATION

(Agency Use Only)

Agency Name	Date Received	
Agency Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Case Name	Case Number

SECTION 2 - PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION

If you need help completing this application, you can have another person help you or appoint an Authorized Representative to represent you in the application process. Then, have that person answer the following questions. If not, skip to Section 3.

Name of person completing application if other than the applicant (Last, First, MI)	Relationship to Applicant	Do you live in the household? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SECTION 3 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

If you are completing this application for someone else, answer the rest of the questions as if you were that person.

Applicant Name (Last, First, MI)	Check the language in which you want FoodShare notices printed. <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	Primary language spoken in your home:	
Residence Address (Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
Mailing Address – If different from your residence (Street/PO Box, City, State, Zip Code)			Telephone Number (Including area code)

Section 4 - Household Information

If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

List the names of all persons living in your household.	Is this person applying for FoodShare benefits?	Social Security Number (Those Applying Only)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Gender M - Male F - Female	Marital Status	U.S. Citizen (Only for those applying)	Race or Ethnicity (Optional)	Relationship to Applicant	Do you share food with this person?	Do you provide care for this person?
Name (Last, First, MI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Section 5 - Student Information

If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

Is there anyone 18 – 49 years of age attending school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, go to Section 6	Name of Student (Last, First, MI)	Name of School	Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Full time
Is the student employed at least 20 hours per week? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the student caring for a child under 6 years of age? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is the student caring for a child 6-12 years of age where adequate daycare is not available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the student a single parent caring for a child under 12 years of age and attending school full time? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is the student participating in a federal or state funded work-study program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the student unable to work due to a temporary or permanent disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is the student attending school due to placement through Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Wisconsin Works (W-2) or FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET)?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 6 - Non-Financial Information

If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

Is anyone in the household pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name of Pregnant Woman (Last, First, MI)	Estimated Due Date (mm/dd/yy)
Has anyone been found totally disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA), Veteran's Administration (VA), or Railroad Retirement Board?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name (Last, First, MI)	Date of Disability Determination (mm/dd/yy)
Has anyone been convicted of a drug felony?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name (Last, First, MI)	Date of Conviction (mm/dd/yy)
Is anyone a fleeing felon or in violation of probation/parole?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name (Last, First, MI)	

Section 7 - Absent Parent Information

If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

Do any children have a natural or adoptive mother or father who is not living at home? Yes No

Name of Absent Parent (Last, First, MI)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Name(s) of Child(ren)	Relationship to Child <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father
Reason for Parent's Absence		Date Parent Left Household	Date Last Contact With Parent	Court Order of Divorce / Paternity Case Number County State
Name of Absent Parent (Last, First, MI)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Name(s) of Child(ren)	Relationship to Child <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father
Reason for Parent's Absence		Date Parent Left Household	Date Last Contact With Parent	Court Order of Divorce / Paternity Case Number County State
Name of Absent Parent (Last, First, MI)	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Name(s) of Child(ren)	Relationship to Child <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father
Reason for Parent's Absence		Date Parent Left Household	Date Last Contact With Parent	Court Order of Divorce / Paternity Case Number County State

Section 8 - Assets

Asset information is only needed for persons applying for emergency benefits

List all assets owned by the applicant(s). Include assets owned jointly with anyone else. Do not include the value of personal household belongings, unless they have an unusually high value.

Type	Name of Owner(s)	Current Value	Description (such as Bank/Financial Institution Name, Account Number)	Name of Owner(s)	Current Value	Description (such as Bank/Financial Institution Name, Account Number)
Cash		\$			\$	
Checking Account		\$			\$	
Savings Account		\$			\$	
Other (for example: stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, IRA)		\$			\$	

Section 9 - Employment

FoodShare benefit eligibility will be based on total household income.

Is any household member working (including self-employment)? Yes No

Is anyone listed below a migrant worker? Yes No

If "Yes", answer questions below for each household member who is working.

Name of Person Working	Employer Name and Address	Date employment began?	Pay period (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)	Number of Hours in Pay Period	\$ per Hour	Gross Earnings per Pay Period

Section 10 - Loss of Employment

Has anyone recently ended employment? Yes No If "Yes", complete the rest of Section 10.

Name of Person	Employer Name and Address	Date employment ended? (mm/dd/ccyy)	Reason Employment Ended? (quit, fired, laid off, moved)	Has this person applied for unemployment insurance?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 11 - Unearned Income

Does anyone in your household receive unearned income? Yes No If you answered "Yes", complete the section below for each income type. If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

Type of Income		Name	Gross Monthly Amount	Type of Income		Name	Gross Monthly Amount
Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$	Disability / Sick Pay	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$	Interest / Dividends	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$
Alimony / Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$	Veterans Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$
Workers / Unemployment Compensation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$	Other income (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$

Section 12 – Expenses

If more room is needed, use a blank sheet of paper or the "Notes" section of this application to answer these questions.

Child Care - Does anyone pay for child or adult care so they can work, look for work, go to school or receive training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who pays for child / adult care?	Who is paid?	Who is it for?	Amount \$	How often paid? (weekly, biweekly, monthly)
Child Support – Is anyone court-ordered to pay child support?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who pays the child support?		Who receives the child support payments?	Amount \$	How often paid? (weekly, biweekly, monthly)
Medical Expenses – Does any elderly or disabled household member have out-of-pocket medical expenses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who is the expense for?		What are the expenses?	Amount \$	How often paid? (weekly, biweekly, monthly)
Shelter Costs - Does anyone in the household have shelter costs? (rent, mortgage, property taxes, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who pays the expense?		What is the expense?	Amount \$	How often paid? (weekly, biweekly, monthly)
Do you receive housing assistance? (Section 8 or other subsidized public housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Utility Expenses – Does anyone in the household have utility expenses? (heat, electricity, water, phone, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who pays the expense?		What is the expense?	Amount \$	How often paid? (weekly, biweekly, monthly)
Have you received heating assistance at this address?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date heating assistance received? (mm/dd/yy)				

Section 13 - Rights and Responsibilities

Read and initial each statement below:

- ___ **Fair Hearings:** I understand I have the right to file a fair hearing request to appeal any action taken concerning my application or ongoing benefits if I do not agree with that action. I understand I can ask for a Fair Hearing by writing to: **Department of Administration, Division of Hearings & Appeals, Box 7875 Madison WI 53708-7875 or by calling (608) 266-3096.** I may also contact the agency office where I applied and ask for a Fair Hearing verbally or in writing. I understand I can refer to the FoodShare Wisconsin Enrollment and Benefits handbook (P-16012) for more information.
- ___ **Rights and Responsibilities:** I have received the "Important Information" section of the FoodShare Wisconsin Application that includes my rights and responsibilities.
- ___ **Reporting Changes:** I Understand that failure to report any changes which result in incorrect benefits will mean recovery of any amounts overpaid and could also lead to prosecution for fraud, a felony.
- ___ **Expenses:** I understand that expenses I report such as shelter, utility, child care, child support or medical costs may affect the level of FoodShare benefits my household receives. I understand that failure to report or verify an expense means that I do not want to receive a deduction for this expense.
- ___ **Income Reduction:** I understand that I am not required to report a reduction or loss of income; however, I may be entitled to a higher FoodShare benefit if I do. I understand that as long as I do not report a reduction in my household's monthly income or the loss of any household income, I will not receive any resulting increase in my FoodShare benefit.
- ___ **Immigration Status:** I understand that I and all other persons living in my household and who apply for aid must be citizens or in a satisfactory immigration status in order to receive assistance. I understand that the immigration status of any person in my household applying for benefits will be verified with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); this information provided by USCIS may affect my household's eligibility and amount of benefits. I understand that my status will NOT be verified with USCIS if I am not requesting assistance for myself or if I state that I am an immigrant without satisfactory immigration status.
- ___ **Any person, including any financial institution, credit reporting agency, employer or educational institution, is authorized to release this information, according to Wisconsin Statute §49.22 (2) (2m): "The department may request from any person any information it determines appropriate and necessary for the administration of programs carrying out the purposes of 7USC 2011 to 2029. Any person in this state shall provide this information within seven (7) days after receiving a request under this subsection."**
- ___ **I understand the questions and statements on this application form. I understand the penalties for giving false information or breaking the rules. I certify, under penalty of perjury and false swearing, that all my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, including information provided about the citizenship status of each household member applying for benefits. I understand and agree to provide documents to prove what I have said. I understand that the local agency may contact other persons or organizations to obtain the necessary proof of my eligibility and level of benefits.**

SIGNATURE – Applicant or Authorized Representative

Date Signed

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