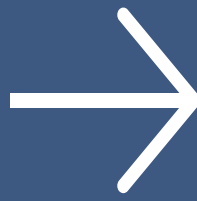# Every Step to Getting & Keeping SNAP Funds for College Students

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can help many college students with low or no incomes afford the healthy food they need to learn and succeed. More information is available at **benefits.ohio.gov**.

01 I GET A LETTER THAT TELLS ME I MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP
based on my situation, or think I might be eligible.

02 I APPLY FOR SNAP AT BENEFITS.OHIO.GOV
or with help from a local foodbank, counselor on campus, or other assister.

03 I COMPLETE AN INTERVIEW WITH A CASEWORKER
after receiving a notice about my appointment.

04 I GET A NOTICE I AM APPROVED AND AN EBT CARD IN THE MAIL
that I activate following the instructions included.

05 MY CARD IS LOADED EACH MONTH AUTOMATICALLY
so I can shop for the foods I need at local retailers.

06 I VERIFY MY CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY EVERY 6 MONTHS
while I still need SNAP to help meet my basic needs.

Some of the most common documents I will need for my application and interview are:

• Proof of my identity and age (driver's license, photo ID card, passport, etc.)

• Proof of citizenship or immigration status (birth certificate, naturalization certificate, etc.)

• Proof of Social Security Number

• Proof of expenses, income, and resources (pay stubs for last 30 days, lease, utility bills, etc.)

• Copy of the letter from my college or institution

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My Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, or Ohio Direction Card, looks like this. It works like a debit card and makes it easy to shop at one of more than 9,300 participating Ohio retailers.

Ohio
Direction Card
5150 0123 4501 2345
OHIO CARDHOLDER

If I need help with applying, I can visit *ohiofoodbanks.org* and click *Get Help* to call a local foodbank.

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