

How to Apply for Basic Food Benefits

1) Complete an application

-At DSHS or an Out-Station
 -By phone: 360-734-5121 x246, or
 -Online: washingtonconnection.org

2) Complete an interview in one of the following ways

**Walk-in, no appointment necessary*

At Opportunity Council DSHS Out-Station
 1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham
 Tues-Wed 8am-3:30pm & Thurs 8-11:30am

At DSHS Main Office
 4101 Meridian St.
 Mon-Fri 8am-2pm

Over the Phone
 1-877-501-2233

At EWRRRC DSHS Out-Station
 8251 Kendall Rd., Maple Falls
 Wed 9am-3:30pm

At WorkSource DSHS Out-Station
 101 Prospect St., Bellingham
 Tues 9am-3:30pm

At Lummi DSHS Out-Station
 2592 Kwina Rd.
 Mon, Wed, Fri 8am-4pm, closed for lunch

At Nooksack DSHS Out-Station
 5061 Deming Rd
 Fri 9am-3:30pm, non-Tribal members welcome

3) Provide documentation for all household members

Proof of Identity

___ Driver's License or State ID
 ___ Work or School ID Card
 ___ Health ID Card
 ___ Birth Certificate
 ___ US Passport

Citizenship or Alien Status

___ Social Security numbers for all applying members of household
 ___ Documentation Status Letter

Earned Income

___ Pay stubs (past 3-6mo.)
 ___ Employer Statement
 ___ Income Tax Forms
 ___ Self-employment Bookkeeping records (for 12mo)

Un-earned Income

___ Social Security Award Letter
 ___ Child Support Agreement
 ___ Unemployment Stubs
 ___ Bank Statement w/ deposits
 ___ Income Tax Forms

Residency & Expenses

___ Lease/Mortgage Agreement
 ___ Statement of Shared Living Arrangement
 ___ Utility Bills
 ___ Medical Expenses (Seniors/Disabled Only)

4) Receive EBT Card (Electronic Benefits Transfer)

Receive card in-person at DSHS or have it mailed to you. Every month food benefits are added to your card.

Benefits can be used to purchase food at most grocery stores and Farmers' Markets.

Benefits are available at 10am the day after approval.

5) Receive other benefits

Basic Food Enrollment may also qualify you for these programs:

- ◆ Free & Reduced School Lunch
- ◆ Head-Start & Early Head-Start
- ◆ WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
- ◆ Free Assurance wireless phone
- ◆ Energy Assistance
- ◆ Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)
- ◆ Fresh Bucks at participating locations matches your EBT benefits up to \$10 per location per day for purchase of additional fruits and veggies. More info: whatcomabc.org/fresh-bucks-2

Contact Opportunity Council's Community Resource Center for more information and other resources.

Drop-in hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
 1111 Cornwall Ave. Bellingham, WA
 (360) 734-5121