



Social and Rehabilitation

Food Assistance

What is the Food Assistance Program?

The Food Assistance Program (also known as the Food Stamp Program) provides benefits to buy food, even vegetable plants and seeds, from your local grocery store. When you qualify you receive a Vision Card that looks and acts like a debit card to purchase your food.

Who is eligible?

- ◆ Persons who live in Kansas (even if you don't have an address)
 - ◆ Persons who are United States citizens or meet other non-citizen qualifications.
(**Adults that are not citizens can get Food Assistance for their children who meet the citizenship requirements.** SRS does not report to Immigration and Naturalization Services.)
- Your household usually includes you and your family and sometimes people who live with you.

How do you apply?

Pick up an application at your local Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office, or have one mailed to you. Fill out as much of the application as you can, be sure to sign it. Return your application to the local SRS office and someone will contact you to schedule an interview. Anyone can apply.

How soon can you get help?

If you have little or no money, tell the office. You may be able to get food assistance in seven (7) days. Otherwise, you will be notified if you are eligible or not within 30 days.

How many resources can you have?

You can have up to \$2,000 in resources or up to \$3,000 if one person in your household is age 60 or older or disabled. Resources are things you own and the money you have. Your home is not included.

What do you need to give SRS to get assistance?

- ◆ Identification (birth certificate or driver's license etc.)
- ◆ Proof of alien status if you are not a United States citizen
- ◆ Social Security numbers for you and your household members
- ◆ Paycheck stubs if you work, or proof of any other income you receive and
- ◆ Records of your family's assets (such as checking and savings accounts and cash).

Where can you call to find out more information or to apply? Call one of the Area Offices:

Chanute	620-431-5000	Kansas City	913-279-7000
Emporia	620-342-2505	Lawrence	785-832-3700
Garden City	620-272-5800	Manhattan	785-776-4011
Hays	785-628-1066	Olathe	913-826-7300
Hutchinson	620-663-5731	Topeka	785-296-2500
		Wichita	316-337-7000