



Apply **HERE** for **SNAP** (Food Stamps or Link)

Date: Fri, April 17, 2015

Time: 10am – 12pm

**Church of Hope
202 N. Monroe, Gardner, IL**

Do You Qualify for SNAP?

General Household Income

For Households with
Member 60+, Blind, and/or Disabled

Persons in Family or Household	Gross Monthly Income Limit (before taxes and deductions)
1	\$1,265
2	\$1,705
3	\$2,144
4	\$2,584
5	\$3,024
6	\$3,464
7	\$3,904
Each additional person	+\$440

Persons in Family or Household	Gross Monthly Income Limit (before taxes and deductions)
1	\$1,945
2	\$2,622
3	\$3,298
4	\$3,975
5	\$4,652
6	\$5,328
7	\$6,005
Each additional person	+\$677

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU FOR EVERYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD:

- **Identification & Immigration Status** – Driver’s License, State ID, Alien Registration, Social Security Card, or Birth Certificate
- **Job Income** – Pay stubs or tax forms from past month, if available
- **Other Income** – Checking/Savings Statements, Child Support, Unemployment, SSI, Veterans Benefits, Pension, Retirement
- **Residency** – Rental or mortgage agreement with your address, Utility Bills
- **Seniors 60+, Blind, and/or Disabled Only:** Know the total amount of your out-of-pocket medical expenses: \$_____ (include copays/premiums, medications, doctor visits, etc.)

Questions? Give us a call!

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Myths & Facts about SNAP

MYTH: *If I receive SNAP benefits, I cannot visit the pantry anymore.*

FACT: This pantry will not change your ability to visit the pantry nor the amount of food you receive.

MYTH: *Do I have to be a US citizen to apply for SNAP benefits?*

FACT: If anyone in your household is a U.S. citizen, including children, they may apply or you may apply on their behalf. Additionally, all children who have a green card can apply for SNAP. Adults over 18 who have held a green card for five years or more can apply for SNAP.

MYTH: *Will applying for or receiving SNAP will affect my immigration status?*

FACT: If you apply for or receive SNAP benefits you will NOT be considered a "public charge." Therefore your current or future attempts to get a green card or citizenship will NOT be affected.

MYTH: *Because I have a job, I do not qualify.*

FACT: SNAP eligibility is based on your income, **NOT** your employment status.

MYTH: *I make too much money to qualify for SNAP.*

FACT: Please see the chart on the back to find out the maximum *pre-tax* income you can earn and still be potentially eligible for SNAP benefits based on your household size.

MYTH: *I will have to use stamps in the store and everyone will know I get SNAP.*

FACT: Illinois, as well as all other states, uses an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card also known as a Link Card. This is an electronic debit card. Your benefit amount will be uploaded onto the card at the beginning of each month, and you can swipe it at the grocery store just like any other debit card.

MYTH: *Other people need SNAP more than I do.*

FACT: While this may be true, by receiving SNAP benefits, you are not taking benefits away from another person. Everyone who applies and is determined to be eligible by a state eligibility worker will get SNAP benefits. Far more people are eligible than ever apply for benefits.



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