

# How much food can you buy for \$16?

*A tool for service providers to educate about the FoodShare benefit*







## What is FoodShare?

FoodShare, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is a federal program that provides assistance with purchasing groceries. FoodShare benefits are put on a QUEST card (similar to a debit card) for each month that a person is eligible for benefits.



## ELIGIBILITY

You may qualify if your household's gross monthly income is less than...

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|    | <b>\$1,980</b> |
|   | <b>\$2,670</b> |
|  | <b>\$3,360</b> |
|  | <b>\$4,050</b> |

Income guidelines are valid through September 30, 2017

## Speaking of FoodShare...

- For most members there is **no asset limit!** (An asset limit does apply to elderly, blind or disabled persons whose gross income is greater than the limits listed above).
- Many households can get more than \$16/month, but the \$16 minimum benefit for eligible one- or two-person households is still worth it. That is equal to \$192 in one year!

| Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | YEARLY TOTAL  |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | \$16 | <b>\$192!</b> |

- Your benefits carry over from month-to-month up to one year. Think of it like a rainy day fund – if you have an unexpected medical bill or car repair, you can use your saved FoodShare dollars on groceries.
- You are helping your community by claiming FoodShare. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that every \$5 spent in FoodShare generates nearly \$9 in local economic activity.

# APPLYING FOR FOODSHARE IS EASY!

## Call today! FoodShare Specialists can help with:

- Quick, easy and confidential screening to see if you may be eligible for FoodShare benefits
- Providing one-on-one assistance to complete and submit your FoodShare application
- Learning about FoodShare policies, requirements, and eligibility information
- Sending any proof required by the local agency
- Navigating the ABAWD work requirement by assisting with:
  - Verifying work hours and income and sending required documents
  - Submitting proof of exemption status
  - Referrals to employment and training resources to fulfill the requirement
- Maintaining FoodShare benefits, including assistance with renewals, reporting changes, and reporting a QUEST card lost or stolen
- Making referrals to other community resources

Call the **toll-free** confidential FoodShare Helpline at: **1-877-366-3635**

## FoodShare Application Process

1. Complete and submit a FoodShare application. How to apply:
  - In person or over the phone with an outreach specialist at a convenient location; **Call toll-free at 1-877-366-3635 to set up an appointment!**
  - Over the phone with the local agency
  - Online at <https://access.wi.gov>
2. Submit any requested proof to the local agency, such as proof of income, a copy of your identification card, and your medical expenses.
3. Complete either a telephone or an in-person interview with a caseworker from the local agency. The local agency will contact you for your interview or you can call them to complete the interview.
4. If you are approved for FoodShare and have never previously received QUEST card, you will receive a QUEST card in the mail. The QUEST card can be used to shop where you see the following logos. The card is used just like a debit card.



- You might receive a FoodShare Six Month Report Form in the mail asking if there are any changes to your household. This must be filled out and mailed to the local agency.
- FoodShare benefits are renewed once per year. You will get a form in the mail to fill out, and then you will have to complete another quick telephone interview.

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