

WHERE DO I APPLY?

Essex County Division of Welfare
Office the address and telephone
number is listed below:

**18 Rector Street, 1st., fl.
Newark, NJ.
(973) 733-2468/2440**



**COUNTY OF ESSEX
DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES
DIVISION OF WELFARE**

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**HOW TO OBTAIN HELP
FOR
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

Benefits In Essex County

HOW TO APPLY FOR FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

What is the Food Stamp Program?

The Food Stamps Program provides benefits to low-income families to increase their food purchasing power.

HOW MUCH INCOME AND RESOURCES CAN I HAVE AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE?

If your total gross monthly income is less than the following amounts you may be eligible:

Effective 10/1/08 - Maximum Allowable Gross Monthly Income

Household Size	Maximum Allowable Income
1	\$1,127
2	1,517
3	1,907
4	2,297
5	2,687
6	3,077
7	3,467
8	3,857
Each Additional Member Add	+ 390

The total value of all of your **RESOURCES**, such as cash on hand and money in the bank must be **NO MORE THAN \$2,000**; except, if there is someone in your household who is disabled or age 60 or older, then the resource maximum is **\$3,000**.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS?

When applying for Food Stamps, you will be asked to provide documents concerning your situation. If you have any of the documents listed below, please bring them with you when you come to the office. If you do not have them, the worker will help you obtain the ones you need.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES
SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS
RENT /MORTGAGE RECEIPTS
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION
FOR CHILDREN
GAS, ELECTRIC AND/OR FUEL OIL BILL
TELEPHONE BILL
PROOF OF ALL INCOME AND RESOURCES
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
DIVORCE PAPERS
CUSTODY PAPERS
MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION (WITH EXPECTED DATE
OF DELIVERY IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR DISABLED)
SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI AWARD LETTER
DEATH CERTIFICATE
ALIEN REGISTRATION, PASSPORT, VISA

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

- . To help the welfare agency obtain information needed to determine your eligibility and amount of benefits.
- . To notify the welfare agency when you or any family member moves, gets a job or experiences any change of income, resources or circumstances.

NOT MEETING ANY OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES COULD MEAN THAT YOUR FOOD STAMPS WILL BE DENIED, REDUCED OR STOPPED.