



## Non-Citizen Eligibility for SNAP

Immigrants who have come to the United States as a refugee or asylee may be eligible for SNAP benefits. Applying for SNAP benefits will not affect any future application for Legal Permanent Residency (LPR) for citizenship. An immigrant will not be deported, denied entry to the U.S., or denied permanent status because their family receives SNAP.

### **Immigrants with LPR status may be eligible for SNAP.**

- For most adults there is a 5-year waiting period, however there are special statuses and circumstances that waive the 5-year waiting period. Ask our outreach team about these exceptions.
- Children of immigrants can get SNAP even if their parents are not eligible. If the child is a LPR or a citizen, their parent can apply for them.

#### No waiting period for:

- ✓ Children under 18 with LPR
  - ✓ Qualified disabled individuals
  - ✓ Individuals with 40 quarters of work in the US
  - ✓ Individuals who have served in the US military
- After the 5-year wait, LPRs who were sponsored to come to the U.S. will be asked to provide proof of their sponsors income as part of the SNAP application.
  - Undocumented individuals or Visa holders are not eligible for SNAP, but their children may be. If applying for a child, the Department of Human Services will not ask for proof of immigration for the parents and will not share information about the household with USCIS or ICE.

**For more information, contact the Food Bank's  
Community Outreach team at 401-942-6325  
or visit [www.rifoodbank.org/snap-outreach](http://www.rifoodbank.org/snap-outreach).**



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