

# 5 MYTHS ABOUT THE FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP)

(Also known as SNAP, formerly food stamps)

## **MYTH 1: Immigrants do not qualify.**

False. Documented immigrants can apply if they meet certain requirements. Undocumented immigrants who have children who were born in the US can also apply without risk of deportation.

## **MYTH 2: I will be denied citizenship or residency if I apply for or receive FSP.**

Not true. Participation in FSP does not affect your status for residency or citizenship. FSP is simply a nutrition assistance program.

## **MYTH 3: I will be deported if I apply for FSP.**

Wrong. You will not be deported if you apply for FSP. The information they ask on your FSP application is not shared with immigration authorities.

## **MYTH 4: My children cannot get FSP.**

. Not true. If your children are residents or citizens, they can get FSP even if you are undocumented.

## **MYTH 5: They will take my children away if I apply for FSP.**

No way! This is a nutrition program and it does not mean that you are a bad parent. In fact, you are a great parent for wanting your children to eat well!

**\*For questions or to fill out an application, call Maryland Hunger Solutions:  
410-528-0021 x6026.**



# More Information about the Food Stamp Program

## These people can apply for *Food Stamps*:

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- Children (under 18)
- People serving in the US military
- People with disabilities
- Cubans and Haitians
- Human trafficking victims
- Refugees
- Asylees
- Immigrants with postponed deportation
- Legal immigrants who were 65 or older on 8/22/1996
- Immigrants with a Greencard for 5 years or more
- Documented immigrants who have a total of 10 or more years of work in the US (this includes times that you worked when do you did not have papers)

## These people cannot participate:

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- Most people on strike
- All undocumented immigrants
- People who did not follow the rules of the Food Stamp program in the past

## People with these visas cannot participate either:

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- TPS
- Work permit
- Student visa

For families with some eligible members and some ineligible members,

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO APPLY.**

**Information shared with the Food Supplement Program is confidential and is not shared with the immigration authorities. People who can receive Food Stamps will receive them, and people who are not eligible will simply not receive them.**

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