



Applying for Benefits has Never Been Easier! **Call the Cleveland Foodbank and apply over the phone.**

Cleveland, OH — The Cleveland Foodbank understands that times are tough and money is tight for many Northeast Ohioans. In order to help Northeast Ohio families, the Foodbank started a new benefit outreach program to make the application process quick and easy for over 20 programs including SNAP (food stamps), prescription benefits, child care vouchers, WIC, medical coverage, and other assistance programs. The Foodbank has a team of Benefit Counselors that can assist people through the application process over the phone. We also have Outreach Counselors that are located throughout our 6 county service area (counties include Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Ashland, and Richland) who can help people apply face to face. If people are not currently receiving SNAP (food assistance formally called Food Stamps) call the Foodbank today to determine your eligibility, find helpful resources in your community, and apply for assistance all in one call.

Eligibility is based on monthly income and expenses including medical, rent, and utilities. If any individual makes less than \$1,200 per month they may be eligible for assistance. This assistance is available for seniors, students, families, full and part-time workers, unemployed, and all individuals, 18 years of age or older, who are struggling to make ends meet. Food assistance is not a charity program, it is an entitlement program and is given to anyone who qualifies. If you have never used assistance programs before and have general questions, please call 216-738-2067.

Every year more than \$2 billion dollars of benefits go unclaimed in the state of Ohio. This is money that could be used in our local economy and to stimulate local business. By applying and using these benefits, we are working to keep federal dollars in Northeast Ohio and helping your family have access to healthy and nutritious food. Call to apply today! The Cleveland Foodbank can also connect you to Farmers' Markets in your area that accept Food Assistance.

For more information or to apply:

- Call the Cleveland Foodbank Benefit Help Line: **216-738-2067**
 - Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 4p.m.
 - Service Provided:
 - Application over the phone
 - Links to local pantries and hot meals
 - Community Resources and Referrals
 - Eligibility Screening
 - Find an Outreach Counselor in your community to help you apply face to face.
- Walk-in Hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4p.m.
 - Cleveland Foodbank, 15500 S. Waterloo Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44110
- Apply Online
 - www.ohiobenefits.org

About Cleveland Foodbank

The Cleveland Foodbank provides nutritious food to local nonprofit organizations which serve hungry individuals across northeast Ohio, 33 percent of them being children. This year, the Foodbank distributed enough food for 29 million meals to 620 local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other agencies such as child-care centers and homes for the elderly in six counties including Cuyahoga, Ashland, Richland, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula. For more information, visit www.clevelandfoodbank.org.

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