

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

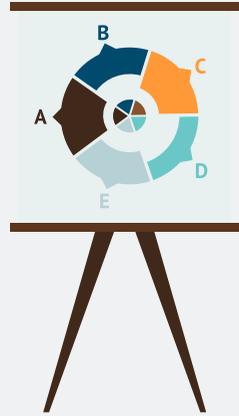
The SNAP E&T Program was developed by the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), Division of Field Operations (DFO), and the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB).

Eight of the fifteen Community Colleges chose to participate.

This program will cover tuition that cannot be covered by a Pell grant or other federal or state grants or scholarships.

Online courses through participating Community Colleges are acceptable, if they are approved by MCCB.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR ACADEMIC COURSES IS NOT COVERED BY THE SNAP E&T PROGRAM.



SNAP EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) is intended to assist eligible SNAP recipients who volunteer by providing access to career and technical courses of study and/or career training programs. Eligible volunteers are required to:

- Complete an interview with the MDHS case manager
- Meet with a Career and Technical Advisor at the local Community College
- Apply for available grants and scholarships
- Enroll in an approved career or training program
- Participate and provide documentation verifying satisfactory progression/participation and good standing status, as requested.

NOTE: Participation in college activities is limited to a lifetime maximum of three (3) years (9 semesters) under the SNAP E&T Program.



HOW DO I APPLY?

- Call your local MDHS office or if you currently receive SNAP benefits, complete a SNAP E&T application (MDHS-EA-504).
- If you do not receive SNAP benefits, complete a SNAP application (MDHS-EA-900) and a SNAP E&T application (MDHS-EA-504).
- After completing the appropriate application forms, mail or take them to your local MDHS office.
- Application forms may be printed from our website at www.mdhs.ms.gov

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Assessment by a Career and Technical Advisor
- Assistance with the completion of grant and scholarship applications
- Enrollment in career education and training program
- Assistance with eligible tuition expenses not covered by PELL or other grants or scholarships

NOTE: Students who do not currently receive SNAP benefits may qualify for SNAP as an eligible student under the SNAP E&T Program, if all other SNAP eligibility criteria are met. Discuss potential eligibility with your Career and Technical Advisor. You may apply for SNAP benefits and the SNAP E&T Program at your local county MDHS Office.

ELIGIBILITY

All of the following are required.

- SNAP only recipient (You cannot be receiving TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.)
- Between the ages of 16 and 59
- U.S. citizen and a resident of Mississippi
- Registered for work with the MS Department of Employment Security
- Have a High school Equivalency Diploma (HED) or high school diploma, if required
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a career or technical program of study at a participating community college



Individuals currently receiving SNAP benefits will be required to submit a completed SNAP E&T application to the local county MDHS office. If determined eligible, you will be referred to MDHS case management for participation in the program. Referral to the college must be made by your case manager.

Applications for SNAP benefits will be processed, approved, or denied based on current policy. If you are under age 22 and live with a parent, all household members must be included in the SNAP application. For information on SNAP eligibility, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service website at:

www.fns.usda.gov/snap/applicant_recipients/

NOTE: Individuals meeting any of the following criteria are not eligible for SNAP benefits: living on campus and are required to purchase a meal ticket; convicted of a drug related felony since August 22, 1996; is a fleeing felon; or disqualified for any reason.

COLLEGES PARTICIPATING

Coahoma Community College
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Hinds Community College
Holmes Community College

Itawamba Community College
Meridian Community College
Northeast MS Community College
Pearl River Community College