

Required information for Minnesota Assistance Programs

Persons who apply for help from Minnesota assistance programs must meet certain rules and give proof in order to qualify. The chart below tells you what rules you may need to meet for each program and some types of proofs you can give us. You may be asked for more proofs. Once a worker looks at your application, the worker will tell you what proofs and information you will need to give.

| Required Information | SNAP (food) | Cash Assistance | Child Care |
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| <p>Live in Minnesota Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Utility or other bill ■ Driver's license or state ID ■ Property tax statement or rental lease. | x | x | x |
| <p>Apply for a Social Security number (SSN) (required for all people applying for help) If you do not have an SSN or cannot remember your number, you must give proof that you have applied for one. Proof may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Papers from the Social Security Administration showing an SSN was applied for ■ A copy of a completed Application for Social Security Number (SS-5). | x | x | |
| <p>Citizenship Proof of citizenship is needed only for the children you are applying for. Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ U.S. passport ■ Certificate of Naturalization ■ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship ■ PASS card ■ Tribal enrollment or membership card ■ Certificate of Indian blood issued by a federally recognized Indian Tribe ■ U.S. birth certificate ■ Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. citizen ■ U.S. citizen ID card ■ Hospital record of birth in one of the 50 states or U.S. territories. | | | x |

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| <p>Identity Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ U.S. passport ■ Certificate of Naturalization ■ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship ■ PASS card ■ Birth certificate ■ Tribal enrollment or membership card ■ Certificate of Indian blood issued by a federally recognized Indian Tribe ■ Driver's license ■ Minnesota ID card ■ School ID or report card ■ Work badge ■ Marriage or divorce record ■ Medical record ■ Day care record ■ Any document showing either signature, photograph or description. | x | x | x |
| <p>Immigration status Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Immigration identification card (green card, I-551 or I-94) ■ Visa ■ Passport ■ Papers from Immigration Services. <p>Child Care Assistance needs proof only for children you are applying for.</p> | x | x | x |
| <p>Children's age Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Birth certificate ■ Baptismal certificate ■ Medical records. | | x | x |
| <p>Relationship of caregiver(s) to child(ren) Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Birth certificate ■ Baptismal certification ■ Court order or adoption record. | | x | x |
| <p>Disability or illness Proof may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Written statement from a doctor ■ Disability benefits statement. | x | x | |

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| <p>Pregnancy Proof may be a written statement from a doctor, midwife, nurse, nurse practitioner or doctor’s assistant that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The date you became pregnant ■ The date you expect to give birth. | | X | |
| <p>Wages, self-employment and other income Income is money from a job, business or other sources such as Social Security, pension payments, worker’s compensation, unemployment benefits, child or spousal support, veterans’ benefits, rental income, payments from a contract for deed or annuities or trusts, or any other payments. Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pay stubs or a written statement of earnings from the employer ■ Most recent income tax returns and all related schedules; or business records if taxes are not filed and you are self-employed ■ Checks, award letter, financial aid award letter, court order, statement from person or company that sends the income, or papers showing amounts received from other sources of income. | X | X | X |
| <p>Work and school schedules for adults Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Time card or letter from employer ■ Student transcript, fee schedule, or school registration confirmation. | | | X |
| <p>Assets Assets are checking and savings accounts, savings certificates, credit union accounts, stocks, bonds, annuities, trusts, vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, etc. Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bank statements or written statement from bank showing current value of accounts ■ Stock ownership statements ■ Copies of bonds ■ Annuity or trust papers | | X | |
| <p>Child and spousal support paid Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child support order ■ Divorce order. <p>Proof of these payments may increase your SNAP, Cash Assistance or Child Care benefits.</p> | X | X | X |
| <p>Child care costs Proof may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Written statement from person giving care. <p>Proof of these costs may increase your SNAP or Cash Assistance benefits.</p> | X | X | |

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| <p>Housing costs</p> <p>Housing costs are rent, house payment, real estate taxes, homeowner’s insurance, and utilities.</p> <p>Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lease agreement ■ Rent or house payment receipt ■ Property tax statement ■ Homeowner’s insurance statement ■ Utility bills. <p>Proof of these costs may increase your SNAP or Cash Assistance benefits.</p> <p>SNAP does not need proof of utility costs.</p> | x | x | |
| <p>Medical costs including insurance premiums</p> <p>Proof may be a copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Medical bills showing date and type of service ■ Prescription receipts ■ Explanation of Benefits from health insurance company or Medicare ■ Health insurance premium notices. <p>Proof of these costs may increase your SNAP or Child Care benefits.</p> | x | | x |