

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT SNAP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

What is the SNAP Volunteer Program?

The SNAP Volunteer Program matches DC residents who receive food benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to volunteer opportunities. Beginning in 2026, some DC residents must meet federal work requirements to keep their SNAP benefits. One way to do that is through volunteering.

Why should my organization participate in SNAP Volunteer Program?

When your organization participates in the SNAP Volunteer Program, you're providing your DC neighbors a chance to meaningfully contribute to their community while maintaining their household's food benefits. It also means you gain additional peoplepower to further your mission.

What are the necessary requirements for becoming a SNAP Volunteer Program host site?

A host site can be a nonprofit, government, or faith-based organization. Organizations must provide a safe volunteer experience with minimal-training tasks (such as office work, food prep, organizing, etc.) and ensure these roles do not replace paid staff or involve partisan activities. They must also host at least five volunteers for regular monthly hours and track and report required attendance.

What are my SNAP Volunteer Program host site responsibilities?

As a host site, you will be expected to provide training and supervision to volunteers as well as offering them at least the minimum number of required monthly hours. This is typically 15-30 hours per month but varies by person. You will also be required to track each volunteer's hours.

How can my organization become a SNAP Volunteer Program host site?

1. Submit a [SNAP Volunteer Program Host Site application](#). It should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.
2. DHS will follow up within 5 business days to confirm if your organization is approved as a SNAP volunteer host site. If approved, your organization will receive onboarding materials.
3. As volunteers become available on a rolling basis, your organization will be contacted to determine whether they are a good match for your site. If you choose to accept a volunteer, you must complete a [SNAP Volunteer Program Agreement Form](#) for each individual placed.

Interested in becoming a SNAP Volunteer Host Site?

Attend a virtual information session held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which will begin on Tuesday, May 5th. You can register to attend [here](#).

For more information about the SNAP Volunteer Program or becoming a host site, contact us via email at DHS.SNAPET@dc.gov

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