

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

This form is intended to give some **VERY** broad eligibility guidelines for Food Stamp applicants. If your household is potentially Food Stamp eligible, you should apply at one of the Social Services Agency offices listed below for a determination of your eligibility for Food Stamp benefits. When in doubt, **APPLY!**

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

How many persons are in your household? Include all of your children under 22 years of age and all persons who purchase and prepare food together with you.

INCOME

What is your household's total monthly gross earned and unearned income (minus any legally obligated child/spousal support paid)? \$

Note: Gross is the amount **BEFORE** taxes and other deductions have been withheld.

Is your household's gross income less than the limit on the chart below for a household of your size? YES NO

Note: This income limit may vary if your household contains certain types of members, such as ineligible noncitizens or SSI recipients, etc.

| # of persons | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| LIMIT | \$1,174 | \$1,579 | \$1,984 | \$2,389 | \$2,794 | \$3,200 | \$3,605 | \$4,010 |

(10/1/10-9/30/11)

IF **YES**, your household **MAY** be eligible, please continue. IF **NO** your household may still be eligible if there is a household member who is 60 years of age or older or who is disabled. Elderly/Disabled Food Stamp Households do **NOT** have to pass the Gross Income Test.

RESOURCES

- What is the total amount of your household's liquid assets (cash on hand, checking and savings account, etc.)? \$

- Are your liquid assets **LESS** than the Food Stamp resource limit of \$2,000 OR \$3,000 for a household which contains an elderly/disabled household member? YES NO

IF **YES**, it appears you **MAY** be eligible and should apply. IF **NO**, it appears your household is **NOT** eligible, unless your household contains a child(ren) under the age of 18 years. Regardless of these income and resource limits, you still have the **RIGHT** to apply.

You may apply for benefits at any of the following offices:

| Assistance Application Center | South County | North County |
|--|---|--|
| 1919 Senter Road San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 271-5600 | 379 Tomkins Court Gilroy, CA 95020 (408) 846-3900 | 100 Moffett Blvd. Mountain View, CA 94043 (650) 988-6100 |