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IMPORTANT WAY TO GET FOOD!

Automatically Get 1 Month's Worth of Food Stamps

Who can get 1 month's worth of Food Stamps?

All Katrina evacuees in Florida can get 1 month of Food Stamps. All you have to do is apply. Your income doesn't matter. Your assets don't matter. Your immigration status doesn't matter. Even if you got a \$2,000 FEMA assistance payment, that doesn't matter either.

What are the other criteria to get 1 month's worth of Food Stamps?

There are no other requirements. Just that you be here in Florida, be a Katrina evacuee and apply by October 31, 2005. To be a "Katrina evacuee", you had to have lived in Louisiana, Mississippi or one of the twelve Katrina-affected counties in Alabama on August 29, 2005. **Nothing else matters.**

What do I do if I don't have any papers on me?

Don't worry if you don't have any papers to prove who you are or where you are from. Florida knows that many people had to leave everything behind. If that happened to you, you can "self declare" your information. That means your statement should be taken as true in most cases.

How long will it take to get the Food Stamps?

You should get Food Stamps within 7 days of when you apply. You can even use these stamps to buy hot food at the grocery store and other places that take Food Stamps through November 30, 2005.

I need more than just 1 month of Food Stamps. Can I keep getting Food Stamps afterwards?

Yes, if you are eligible. Some income and assets will matter after the 1st month. But eligibility rules will be easier for you through December 31, 2005.

Where do I apply?

Apply on-line at <http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/>. Or at one of Florida's Department of Children and Families (DCF) DCF Customer Care Service Centers. You can also get an application mailed out. Call 1-866-762-2237 to get an application mailed.

Contact your local legal services/aid office if you have any problems getting

Food Stamps. They may be able to help.