

# The BLURB

The Blurb #68:  
Collection of Race and  
Ethnicity Data for  
SNAP

## An important reminder about Collecting Race and Ethnicity Data for SNAP

During SNAP interviews, you must try to ensure that the portion of an application shown below is completed:

Your **ethnicity/race**: This information is collected to make sure everyone is treated fairly. Your answer is voluntary, and it will not affect your eligibility or benefit amount.

**Ethnicity:** Hispanic or Latino  yes  no

**Race:** *(check all applicable)*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

While self-identification is the **PREFERRED METHOD** for collecting this data, if an applicant refuses to answer this section, you **MUST** inform him/her why this data is being collected (i.e., to ensure that SNAP is being provided fairly to everyone). If the applicant still refuses to provide this information and you are able to get the information through alternative methods (e.g. observation), record this information in BEACON.

FNS requires that DTA collect the ethnicity and race data of all applicants and clients. This data is reviewed to determine how effectively DTA is reaching those potentially eligible for SNAP and identifies areas where further outreach may be needed.