



# The Added Benefits of Your SNAP Benefits

## SUMMER EBT FOOD BENEFITS



If you get SNAP for at least one child in your home, you should automatically get \$120 for each of your school-aged children for the summer months. This food benefit, called Summer EBT, is like SNAP. DTA will put the Summer EBT directly on an EBT card.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/SummerEBT](https://www.mass.gov/SummerEBT)

## DISCOUNTS ON GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES



You can get a discount on your gas and electric bills if you get an income-based benefit like SNAP, cash assistance, and some kinds of MassHealth. DTA shares client information with utility companies who give a utility discount to account holders. This means that if the utilities are in your name, and you get a DTA benefit, you should get a discount on your utilities automatically. If your income is less than 60% of the state median income (about \$87,000 for a household of four) you can also apply for a utility discount, even if you do not get an income-based benefit.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-home-heating-and-energy-assistance](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-home-heating-and-energy-assistance)

## DISCOUNTS ON TELEPHONE BILLS



Some telephone companies have low-income discounts through the Lifeline program. If you get SNAP, DTA cash benefits, or other types of benefits you may qualify for a discount on your phone bill. Some people may be able to get a free cell phone with limited free minutes.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/service-details/lifeline-services](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/lifeline-services)

## HEALTHY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (HIP)



When in operation you can use your SNAP dollars to buy farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at HIP-participating farmers markets, mobile markets, and farm stands. An equal amount of money for food - up to your monthly limit - is instantly added back to your EBT card. The amount you can get back is based on the number of people in your SNAP household.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/HIP](https://www.mass.gov/HIP)



## WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)

If you get SNAP and are pregnant, breast feeding or have a child under age 5, you may be eligible for WIC nutrition benefits without extra income verification. You can also apply for WIC even if you do not get SNAP.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/WIC](https://www.mass.gov/WIC)



## EBT CARD TO CULTURE\*

DTA and the Mass Cultural Council offer discounted or free admission to 400+ of the state's best museums and cultural institutions. Usually, you will need to show your EBT card at the ticket counter to get a discounted admission price.

To learn more: [Mass.gov/EBT-card-to-culture](https://www.mass.gov/EBT-card-to-culture)



## FREE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING + CHILD CARE

If you get SNAP, you can enroll in free employment and training through DTA's SNAP Path to Work program. And, if you are participating in SNAP Path to Work and you have young kids, you can get a voucher for free child care.

To learn more: [SNAPPathToWork.org](https://SNAPPathToWork.org)



## MBTA REDUCED FARE PROGRAM

If you get SNAP, DTA cash benefits, certain types of MassHealth, or MASSGrant, and are aged 18 to 64, you can qualify for the MBTA's reduced fare program. With the reduced fare you can get 50% off one-way fares, a week pass for \$10, or a monthly pass for \$30.

To learn more: [MBTA.com/fares/reduced/income-eligible](https://www.mbta.com/fares/reduced/income-eligible)



## SNAP CARD TO RIDE PROGRAM\*

Bluebikes is Metro-Boston's public bike share program. If you get SNAP and are 16 or older you can get a monthly membership for \$5 per month or \$50 per year (\$5 per year for Boston residents). The membership gives you unlimited rides for up to 60-minutes. If your ride is longer you may have to pay more.

Register online: [Bluebikes.com/pricing/income-eligible-program](https://www.bluebikes.com/pricing/income-eligible-program)

**SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**, formerly called Food Stamps.

For more information visit: [Mass.gov/SNAP](https://www.mass.gov/SNAP)

\*NOTE: SNAP can only be used to buy food.

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