



Potential Government Benefits

Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)

What is Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)?

- The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program offers monthly payments to individuals, including both adults and children, who have a disability or blindness and possess income and resources that fall below specific financial thresholds (Social Security, n.d.).

Qualification requirements for children under 18 years old

- A child must have a physical impairment or disabilities that significantly impact their daily functioning.
- The family and child's income and resources should be below the specified limit set by the Social Security Administration.
- The condition(s) that the child has must have endured or be expected to endure for a minimum of 1 year or potentially lead to death.

Check Eligibility

- [Social Security Administration](#)

Additional Resources

- [Checklist to prepare for the interview process](#)
- [Child disability report](#) (not an application but a way to make the application process easier)
- [Guidebook](#): Everything you need to know prior to applying for SSI

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

What is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?

- The SNAP program, commonly referred to as food stamps, offers essential aid to low-income families, including children, ensuring they have access to nutritious food. SNAP aims to alleviate food insecurity by providing eligible households with assistance to purchase a variety of nutritious food items. This program plays a vital role in helping families with limited financial resources maintain a healthy diet and meet their dietary needs. By offering assistance through SNAP, the program strives to enhance the overall well-being and development of children in economically disadvantaged households (Tennessee State Government, n.d.).

Check Eligibility

- [TN Department of Human Services](#)

Additional Resources

- [TN Department of Human Services](#)
- [Special Needs Alliance](#)

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

What is Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

- The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a tax benefit offered by the federal government to support individuals and families with low-to-moderate incomes. It is specifically designed to assist those who have earned income through employment. The EITC is a refundable credit, meaning that if the credit amount exceeds the individual's tax liability, they may receive a refund for the difference. The exact amount of the EITC depends on factors like income, filing status, and the number of qualifying children. The primary purpose of the EITC is to encourage and provide financial relief for individuals with lower incomes who are actively working (Internal Revenue Services, n.d.).

Check Eligibility

- [Internal Revenue Service](#)

Additional Resources

- [Internal Revenue Service](#)

Reference:

Internal Revenue Service. (n.d.). [Earned income tax credit \(EITC\)](#).

[Social Security](#). (n.d.).

Tennessee State Government. (n.d.). [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#).