



TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE (TA)



What is Temporary Assistance?

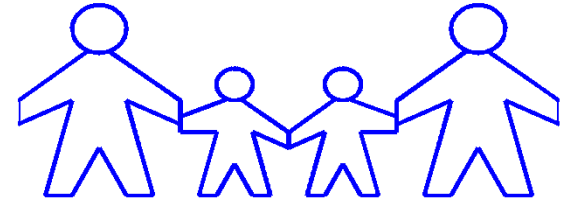


Temporary Assistance (TA) is a program that provides cash assistance for families so they can care for their children in their own homes.

Families receive support and services to assist them in engaging in job preparation and work activities through the Missouri Work Assistance Program (MWA).

The goal is for families to become self-sufficient and independent of the need for cash assistance.

Eligibility Requirements:

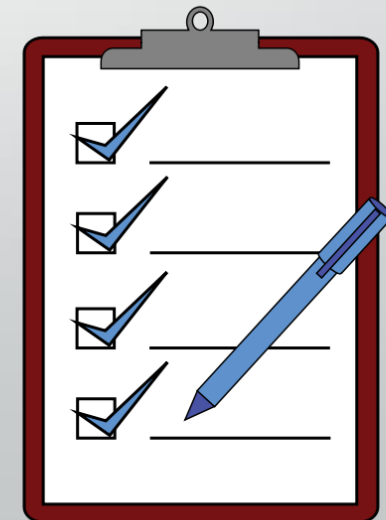


Applicants:

- Must be the parent or guardian of a child under age 18 (or under 19 if child is in high school).
- Must live in Missouri.
- Cannot own resources worth more than \$1,000 (except for their home and one vehicle).
Note: The resource limit increases to \$5,000 for participants who sign an Individual Employment Plan (IEP).
- Cannot make more than the current income limit.
- Need to have or agree to apply for a Social Security Number for all members of the household.
- Must have no felony drug convictions after 8/22/96, although children may still be eligible.

To Qualify Applicants Must:

- Complete an orientation
- Complete a Personal Responsibility Plan (PRP), if required
- Comply with drug testing, if required
- Cooperate with Child Support, if required
- Register or log into jobs.mo.gov account, if required



How to Apply for TA:

- Apply online at <https://mydss.mo.gov/>
- Request a paper application by calling the FSD Information Center at 855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636)
- Go to the local Resource Center

Printed applications can be submitted by:

- Email: FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov
- Mail: Family Support Division
615 E 13th St
Kansas City, MO 64016
- Fax: 573-526-9400



Application Process

There are two types of paper applications for TA that can be submitted:

- IM-1TASF: 1-page form with basic information that will require FSD to complete an interview
- IM-1TA Long Form: 30-page packet that includes all questions needed to complete the application as well as incorporates many of the forms needed therefore an interview is not required unless additional information is needed

An interview is not needed if an application is received by web application.

FSD sends out a Request for Information providing the applicant 10 (ten) days to submit information to determine eligibility. Examples of documents that may be requested: income verification, bank statements, verification the child is in the home.

A written notification is mailed after the application is approved or rejected.

What Happens After Approval

FSD will send out an Action Notice letting the applicant know that they are approved for benefits, the amount they are approved for, and the date they will receive their benefits.

If this is the first time the applicant is receiving SNAP and/or TA, they will be mailed an EBT card. The EBT card is how the participant has access to these benefits.

The Workforce Initiatives Team will reach out to those who are approved for TA and are referred to MWA to go over benefit information and the MWA program.

Uses and Restrictions

TA can be used to help cover costs for the household. (examples: clothing, rent and utilities)

Use of TA benefits is prohibited in any:

- Liquor store
- Casino
- Gambling establishment
- Retail establishment that provides adult-oriented entertainment
- Place or any item that is primarily marketed for or used by adults age eighteen or older and/or is not in the best interest of the child(ren) in the household

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNTS

Persons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grant	136	234	292	342	388	431	474	517	554	595

BENEFIT ISSUANCE DATE

BIRTH MONTH	MONTHLY AVAILABILITY DATE
JAN FEB MAR	1 ST
APR MAY JUN	2 ND
JUL AUG SEP	3 RD
OCT NOV DEC	4 TH

Referrals to Missouri Work Assistance Program

If an applicant is approved for Temporary Assistance and they do not meet an exemption, they will be referred to MWA and required to participate in work and training activities for a set number of hours per week.

TA recipients age 18 or older and teen parents under 18 are required to participate with the MWA program.

FAMIS sends a referral to the MWA provider based on the region where the participant lives. MWA then sends out a call-in letter.



Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) Program

The MWA program helps TA recipients transition from TA to a job by helping set goals and get the skills needed to find a job and support their family.

MWA can help participants:

- Get job and skill training
- Get work experience
- Buy clothing/shoes required for a job
- Buy tools needed on a job
- Get car repairs to keep a job
- Pay child care registration fees
- Decide on career goals
- Learn how to interview
- Create a resume
- Become employed
- Keep a job
- By providing gas cards or bus tickets

Who is Exempt from MWA?

Not all TA recipients are required to participate with the MWA Program.

Exemptions from participating with the MWA Program:

- Caretaker of a child under 12 weeks old
- Permanently disabled
- Caring for a disabled household member
- 60 or older



Temporary Assistance has a lifetime limit of forty-five (45) months. In some situations, participants may receive TA for longer than the forty-five (45) month lifetime limit.

Reasons to possibly receive a hardship extension include:

- Domestic violence
- Substance abuse
- Active in Children's Division
- Family Crisis

Temporary Waivers

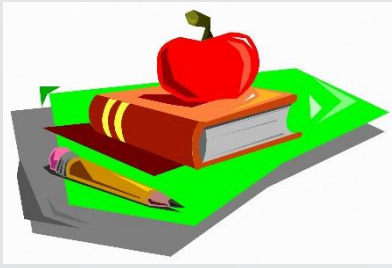
MWA participants may be temporarily excluded from participation in work activities for the following reasons:

- The participant has an active case with **Children's Division**.
- **Temporary physical or mental circumstances** that may prevent the individual from immediately participating in work activities lasting at least 30 days and at most 6 months. This requires verification from a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist.
- **Victim of domestic violence:** This exclusion is to allow time for the family to overcome its immediate crisis.
- **Lack of child care:** The participant will be referred and need to provide MWA with documentation supporting his/her efforts to obtain childcare, including information such as dates, contacts, and outcomes.
- **Lack of transportation:** The participant will be referred and need to provide MWA with documentation supporting his/her efforts to obtain transportation, including information such as dates, contacts, and outcomes.

HOURS OF PARTICIPATION

SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLDS			
MINIMUM REQUIRED PARTICIPATION HOURS PER WEEK			
Household Type	Core Hours Required	Non-Core Hours Required	Total Hour Required
Child(ren) under Age 6	20 Hours	0 Hours	20 Hours
Child(ren) age 6 or older	20 Hours	10 Hours	30 Hours

TWO-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS			
MINIMUM REQUIRED PARTICIPATION HOURS PER WEEK			
Household Type	Core Hours Required	Non-Core Hours Required	Total Hour Required
Child(ren) under Age 6 and not receiving federally funded childcare	30 Hours	5 Hours	35 Hours
All other 2-parent households	50 Hours	5 Hours	55 Hours



Work Activities Include

- Unsubsidized Employment
- Subsidized Employment
- Work Experience
- On-the-job Training
- Job Search/Job Readiness
- Community Service
- Vocational Education and Training
- Job Skills Training
- Education Related to Employment
- Secondary School Attendance

Participants are required to provide verification of their activities to MWA.

Participants can be put in conciliation and then sanctioned if they are not meeting their required hours or do not provide the required verification.

INTERIM CONTACTS

Recipients of TA are required to report the following changes in circumstances within 10 days of the change: change of address, income or employment, household members, and resources.

Verification may be requested when the recipient reports a change to FSD or MWA. A Request for Information will be mailed to the client to provide the verification within 10 days.

Temporary Assistance Reviews

After establishing eligibility for TA, FSD ensures the participant remains eligible and adjusts the grant when circumstances change.

At a minimum, TA eligibility is to be reviewed annually.

A review is completed when:

- The review form is received annually. A SNAP application can be used to determine re-eligibility for the TA case.
- A person needs to be added to the TA case.



Temporary Assistance and MWA together

- In November 2019, Ms. Bell was referred to the Missouri Work Assistance Provider ResCare. Ms. Bell was residing at Lifehouse, a crisis maternity home for homeless women and their infants/young children.
- Ms. Bell came to ResCare seeking a better life for her and her family and to overcome a five-year gap in employment. The ResCare case manager coordinated with Ms. Bell's caseworker at Lifehouse. Ms. Bell received guidance from ResCare on how to market her skills training from Lifehouse to potential employers.
- Ms. Bell attended workshops to create a resume fitting of her skills. Before she knew it, she had achieved the goals she had set back in November: obtained a driver's license, received job offers, and saved up enough money to purchase a vehicle. Even with the quarantine order and the special challenges that presented, she acquired a license and car insurance in April 2020.

Ms. Bell is currently employed and no longer receiving Temporary Assistance.



RESOURCES

[Missouri Department of Social Services \(mo.gov\)](https://dss.mo.gov) dss.mo.gov

[Welcome to myDSS | mydss.mo.gov](https://mydss.mo.gov) mydss.mo.gov

[Employment & Training Programs | mydss.mo.gov](https://mydss.mo.gov/employment-training-programs)
mydss.mo.gov/employment-training-programs

FSD Information Center: 855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636)

Employment and Training Resources Line: 573-415-8337



Questions?

Learning lab address--

<https://dss.mo.gov/employment-training-provider-portal/learning-lab.htm>