



## How to Apply for TANF

### WHAT IS TANF?

Florida Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, a government program.

This program is designed to help needy families achieve self sufficiency. States receive grants to create programs that assist families to achieve a range of benefits and activities. *TANF helps families with children and has federal requirements about work and time limits for families receiving assistance.*

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- US Citizens
- Residents of Florida
- Legal Residents or Qualified Residents (Afghans, Ukrainians and other refugees *are* eligible)
- Must be unemployed or underemployed with a low income
- Have one of the following: Child 18 years or younger, or are pregnant, or are 18 years or younger and are the head of household

You can find more information on who is eligible [HERE](#).

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Must have SSN or proof of application for one
- Must fulfill work requirements (ex. must participate in work activities. Find out more information on work activities below)
- Time Limit Requirement (Cash assistance is limited to a lifetime total of 48 months as an adult, except for child only cases which have no limit.)
- Can not apply if also receiving a Match Grant (Refugee Resettlement Agencies give MG to clients for up to 8 months, so check with your matched family when their MG ends)
- Assets - A family household may have 2,000 in countable assets. Licensed vehicles needed for individuals subject to the work requirement may not exceed a combined value of \$8,500.

What are Work Activities?

Adults in families receiving cash assistance must work or participate in work related activities for a specified number of hours per week depending on the number of work-eligible adults in the family and the age of children.

You can find the details of the requirements [HERE](#)

About Time Limit Requirement:

Florida law limits receipt of assistance to not more than 48 cumulative months of assistance with exemptions to the time limit provided for hardship. Allowable hardships include:

- Individuals who are diligently participating in work activities who have been unable to obtain employment due to significant employment barriers combined with a need for more time,
- Teen parents who are diligently participating in work activities who need an exemption in order to have 24 months of eligibility beyond receipt of a high school diploma or equivalent,
- Individuals who are victims of domestic violence that delayed or affected the individuals work participation
- Extension for minor children of a work eligible family where time limit termination of benefits would likely result in the child being placed into emergency shelter or foster care.

#### **HOW TO APPLY? :**

You can apply online by going to [myflorida.com/accessflorida](http://myflorida.com/accessflorida). On this website you would first need to make an account and then fill out the virtual application. Or if you prefer, you can [click here](#) to download the application form, fill it out and submit it to a local [Florida Customer Service Center](#)