

Do you need temporary help?

Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) provides cash to needy families with dependent children. It also prepares program participants for independence through employment programs.



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How is eligibility determined?

- Applicants must meet financial and technical eligibility requirements that include cooperation with child support, participation in work activities and compliance with substance abuse provisions
- Applicants may have a defined amount of income
- Assets are not considered

How do I apply?

You may file an application online at <https://benefits.maryland.gov/home/#/> by mail, fax, or other electronic means; someone may drop an application off for you; or you may file in person at a local social services office. Once the application is processed, a face-to-face interview may be scheduled at a social services office near you. You must meet all financial and technical eligibility factors prior to getting TCA.

Call 1-800-332-6347 for more information.

What should I bring to the interview?

- Proof of identity (driver's license, Maryland identification card, or employment identification)
- Social Security numbers for everyone in the household
- Proof of address (lease, utility, water, or phone bill, rent or mortgage statement)
- Proof of income (most recent pay stubs or benefit letter for government checks: Social Security – Supplemental Security Income, Supplemental Security Disability Income, Veterans Benefit, Social Security, or any others)
- Proof of child care expenses if you are employed.

