

General Assistance Basic Information Guide

Information given is a general overview of the basic criteria for potential eligibility-additional rules may apply



What is General Assistance?

How To
Apply
for
General
Assistance:

General
Assistance
Applications
are accepted



Monday thru
Friday
at all regional
offices

General Assistance (GA) is a County funded program which assists Solano County residents who are not otherwise eligible for Cash Assistance such as CalWORKs.



General Assistance is a loan. It MUST be paid back.

The target population is **low to no income adults without dependents.**

Employable applicants can receive assistance for only **three (3) months out of every 12 months.**

An Unemployable applicant is someone who is **TOTALLY disabled and unable to work for a specified period of time.**

- ♦ This disability may be physical or mental. **These individuals may remain eligible to receive assistance as long as they are disabled, if they provide the necessary proof:**
- ♦ Disability must be verified by a doctor
- ♦ Disabled applicant will be required to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and show proof of the application.

What are the Requirements?

Verification of Residence in Solano County

- ♦ Residents of County funded facilities are not eligible
- ♦ Inmates of Penal Institutions or patients in Mental Hospitals are not eligible.
- ♦ Anyone residing outside of Solano County for more than 30 days will not be eligible.
- ♦ Individuals receiving GA in another county or have used their 3 months of employable GA in the past 12 months, will not be eligible.

Solano County GA does NOT have a Homeless Program.

- ♦ Parolees must legally be entitled to live in Solano County to receive GA.

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Alien Registration.

- ♦ Undocumented non-citizens or sponsored persons living in the US for less than 3 years are not eligible

Social Security Number

Age Requirements

Adult who has reached his/her 18th birthday
Emancipated Minor

- ♦ Has entered a valid marriage even if not married at the time of application
- ♦ Active duty in any branch of armed forces
- ♦ Declared Emancipated by a County Superior Court

If you are single and have non-exempt property or income which is more than \$413 per month, you are not eligible for GA

What about Property Limits?

THE NET MARKET VALUE OF ALL NON-EXEMPT PROPERTY CAN NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM GRANT

A Single Family home regardless of value which is used as a full time residence of an applicant/recipient is exempt. A Mobile Home used as full-time residence is exempt.

- ♦ A Lien will be placed on property as Security for GA paid.
- The following personal property is not counted toward property limits:**
- ♦ The **first \$25.00** held in cash, checking/savings accounts, stocks, bonds, or anything else that can be converted into cash.
- ♦ Insurance Policies whose cash value is **less than \$1000.**
- ♦ **One Motor Vehicle** other than an RV or Motor Home
- ♦ **Retirement Funds** if not accessible to you.
- ♦ RV or Motor Home used as a full-time residence
- ♦ Tools needed for customary trade, personal clothing, household item, medical equipment, heirlooms, and one burial plot per household member.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To help process your application for the **General Assistance Program**, you must provide the following necessary verifications for each person in the applicant household. Photocopies are acceptable.

- Social Security Numbers or proof of application.
- Copy of Driver's License or other picture I.D, or Birth Verification.
- Proof of Residence.
- Copies of proof of all income, most current pay stubs, Child Support and Alimony, Social Security Award Letters, VA Benefit, Unemployment and Disability Benefits received or for which you have applied. (EDD Unemployment Insurance Benefits printout can be obtained by calling 1-800-300-5616).
- Verification of Disability (if applicable).
- All current Checking and Saving Account statements or passbooks brought up-to-date by bank.
- Savings Bonds, Stock Certificates, Credit Union Statements, Money Market Certificates, and Retirement Accounts.
- Current Vehicle Registrations: include cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers, motor homes, or boats. Include verification of balance owed on each vehicle.
- Immigration Status: INS Registration Card (photo copy both sides), Citizenship Verification, Birth Certificate or Passport.

PLEASE NOTE: This list is provided as an example of the minimum verifications an applicant must provide at the time of application. It should not be considered as the only verifications that may be needed. Your Eligibility Benefits Specialist will determine what additional verifications, if any, may be required for your specific situation during your initial and subsequent interviews.