

CT Food Stamp BINGO



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Rules of the Game




1. Players receive a game card that looks like a bingo sheet and a bag with “chips” that are labeled “True” or “False”.
2. A CAHS Outreach Worker will call out a number between 1 and 50.
3. Find the number on your sheet and read the statement below it on food stamps.
4. Guess whether or not the statement is true or false.
5. Depending on the answer place a “True” or “False” chip over that space on your sheet.
6. When you have five blue “chips” in a row in any direction you’ve won food stamp bingo!

Myths and Facts

- We generated the myths & facts found in the game from the following sources:
 - Food Stamp policy
 - USDA Outreach Toolkit
 - USDA Myths & Facts Publications
 - Feedback from food stamp outreach workers
 - Feedback from Seniors

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26	13	19	25	32
Food Stamp recipients use coupons at the grocery store.	Food stamps can only be used to purchase uncooked, unprepared foods and food-producing seeds or plants.	Food stamps are an entitlement program.	Each \$5 spent in food stamps generates almost \$10 in local economic activity.	You can't use food stamps at a farmers' market.
33	31	9	29	
You can buy paper products, alcohol, and cigarettes with food stamps.	Food stamps don't help the economy.	If you are a legal resident alien you can get food stamps after living in CT for six months.	You can only apply for food stamps with members of your family.	
14	16	10	17	30
The Department of Social Services will take out of pocket medical expenses into consideration in the food stamp application.	Applicants without a permanent address can still apply for food stamps.	You can own a car worth up to \$9,500.	Food stamps are given through an Electronic Benefits Transfer Card (EBT).	You will not qualify for food stamps if you own a car.
27	1	20	11	47
Seniors are only allowed to have \$2000 in assets.	The average single elderly person receives \$53/month in food stamps. Couples receive \$123/month.	A food stamp household includes anyone you live & cook with; you don't have to be related.	Seniors can mail in the application and interview over the phone. You never have to go into the office!	You can't have a job or a source of income & get food stamps.
48	18	3	2	21
You can buy hot prepared foods with food stamps.	You will receive a Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) if you pay for heating or cooling in your home.	Food Stamps are a nutrition assistance program. Not welfare!	Anyone can receive food stamps if they meet the eligibility guidelines.	Food stamp outreach workers can prescribe you for benefits & help you fill out the application.


 For more information go to www.cahs.org or call (860) 951-2212.

Sources

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