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Mission & History

Our Mission
As the official benefits website of the U.S. government, our mission is to increase citizen access to benefit information, while reducing the expense and difficulty of interacting with the government.

Our History
- Formerly GovBenefits.gov founded in 2002
- One of the earliest E-Gov initiatives by presidential mandate
- Single Source for government benefits, information, and resources
- Operated, managed, and supported by a Federal agency
  Partnership, Benefits.gov provides an innovative, technology-based solution to benefit information delivery
- Serving millions of citizens
Mission & History

Our Timeline

- 2002: GovBenefits.gov launches in 96 days
- 2003: GovBenefits.gov houses 1k Federal and State Programs
- 2004: GovLoans.gov launches
- 2005: Program implements Enterprise Content Management System
- 2006: Program implements Customer Satisfaction Survey tool
- 2007: SSA BEST launches
- 2008: DisasterAssistance.gov launches
- 2010: Site becomes Benefits.gov, Benefit Finder tool launches, cloud hosting services implemented
- 2012: Benefits.gov named one of Five Best Government Websites
- 2013: Benefits.gov and Disaster Assistance.gov go mobile responsive
- 2014: Excellence.gov Intergovernmental Collaboration Award
- 2016: Redesigned website and added new Personalization features
- 2017: Benefits.gov celebrates 15 years of citizen service
- 2018: Reached a record-breaking 1.4 million site users in one month
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Our Partners

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Homeland Security
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- Department of Transportation
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2. Where do you live?
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1. What is your race or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)
   - African American
   - Alaska Native
   - American Indian
   - Asian
   - Caucasian
   - Cuban
   - Haitian
   - Hispanic
   - Native American or Alaska Native
   - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

2. What is your current military status?
   - Active
   - Previously active
   - Reserve
   - Veteran
   - Am not currently, nor ever have been, in the military

Benefits You May Be Eligible For:

- American Indian/Alaska Native: 1
- Child Care/Child Support: 1
- Disability Assistance: 2
- Education/Training: 4
- Employment/Career Development Assistance: 1
- Energy Assistance: 1
- Food/Nutrition: 1
- Grants/Scholarships/Fellowships: 4
- Agriculture Loans: 1
- Healthcare: 1

Can’t find what you’re looking for? View more resources.
View Results

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Top 4 Most Popular Benefits In Virginia

1. Virginia Medicaid
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4. Virginia Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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Categories

Browse Benefits by Category

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  - Example Categories:
    - Agriculture Loans

- **American Indian/Alaska Native**
  - Example Categories:
    - Youth

- **Disaster Relief**
  - Example Categories:
    - Disaster Relief Loans

- **Family and Children Services**
  - Example Categories:
    - Child Care Child Support
    - Death/Burial
    - Early Childhood Services

- **Education/Training**
  - Example Categories:
    - Fellowships/Scholarships
    - Education Loans

- **Employment/Career Development**
  - Example Categories:
    - Tax Assistance
    - Living Assistance
    - Insurance

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  - Example Categories:
    - Education Loans
    - Housing Loans
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- **Military: Active Duty and Veterans**
  - Example Categories:
    - Veterans Education
    - Veterans Health
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  - Example Categories:
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- Conduct monthly self-exams: In addition to medical screenings, the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) and medical professionals recommend a monthly self-exam. To learn how to conduct a breast self-exam, check out this guide offered by NBCF. If you feel something, say something. Early detection is a key factor in the successful treatment of breast cancer.
- Modify your diet: Diet and nutrition have been proven contributors to about 30-40 percent of cancer diagnoses. Eliminating high sugar, salt, and fat options from your diet will help keep your energy high and your body healthy.
- Quit smoking: According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), smoking is a significant risk factor for breast and many other types of cancer. Eliminating tobacco from your life lowers your risk regardless of your age or how long you have been a smoker.
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Are you a non-governmental organization looking to engage with Benefits.gov? Check out our Affiliate Policy (PDF) that describes how organizations can serve as an affiliate to the Benefits.gov Program.

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Are you a Federal, state or local government organization who has oversight of benefit programs and interested in becoming a Benefits.gov Partner? Benefits.gov is committed to providing online access to government benefits information, while reducing the expense and difficulty of interacting with the government. Once accepted as a Partner, information on your programs will be placed on the Benefits.gov website and you will be able to serve as a strategic advisor to the Program. If your organization is interested in becoming a Benefits.gov Partner, visit the Help page to submit an inquiry.

To learn more about the Benefits.gov Program and how benefit programs are selected, please view the following resources:

Benefits.gov Overview Presentation (PDF)
Benefits.gov Charter (PDF)
Guideline for Selecting Benefits Programs (PDF)

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Get Help

What Type of Benefits Are You Looking For?

- Healthcare/Medical Assistance
- Housing and Public Utilities
- Financial Assistance
- Disaster Relief

Benefits.gov is an online resource to help you find federal benefits you may be eligible for in the United States. About Us →

Benefit Finder
Start the questionnaire to find the right benefits for you.

Start
FAQs

Help Center

General Questions
- What is Benefits.gov?
- How often should I use Benefits.gov?
- How do I apply or check my application status for a benefit program?
- What if I am helping someone else?

Benefit Finder
- How does Benefits.gov determine which benefits I may be eligible to receive?
- Why does Benefits.gov say I "may" be eligible to receive benefits in my Results list?
- How much time will it take to complete the Benefit Finder questionnaire?
- Will my benefit results stay on the website for future reference?

Benefit Questions
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Any questions?