ESD'S MYBENEFITS PORTAL: APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

Information you need to gather about the people living in your home.

- Dates of birth and Social Security numbers for everyone applying for benefits. You don't have to provide SSNs for people not applying. But you will need to provide information such as their incomes and resources.
- Pay stubs for earned income.
- Check stubs for unearned income like alimony, child support, and Unemployment Insurance.
- Records of your resources such as bank accounts, investments, and property.
- Household bills for things like, fuel, phone, and electricity.

Immigration status and benefits.

- Only U.S. citizens and certain legal immigrants can get benefits. If your household includes
 people who are not eligible because of their immigration status, you can still apply for those
 who are eligible.
- While you don't have to provide immigration information for people not applying, you must provide information such as their incomes and resources.

Other facts you should know about applying.

- To get the ball rolling sooner, you may submit an incomplete application as long as it includes
 your name, address, and electronic signature. You must then complete & submit the rest of the
 application soon afterwards.
- If you have a physical or mental condition that considerably limits a major life activity (e.g., moving, seeing, or thinking), you may be entitled to reasonable accommodations to help you participate in ESD programs. Call 1-800-479-6151.
- If you're applying for 3SquaresVT, we'll ask you questions to see if you're eligible for benefits within 7 days.
- If you submit your application after 4:30 PM or on a weekend or holiday, the filing date is the next business day.
- If you don't submit your application within 30 days of starting, it will be deleted, and you'll have to start over.

Additional information you should read.

- About your rights and responsibilities.
- About <u>3SquaresVT</u> if you are applying for that benefit.
- About required documents.