

School Clothing Allowance

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Children and Families, will begin accepting school clothing allowance applications on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following will automatically receive school clothing allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of August:

- Families with school-aged children currently receiving WV WORKS cash assistance
- Those in foster care
- Children ages 4-18 that receive SNAP, are enrolled in school and under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received school clothing allowance in 2019 and currently have Medicaid coverage only should receive an application by mail in late August to apply for the school clothing allowance program. Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.org or by calling DHHR's Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

Others may be eligible for school clothing allowance benefits, but the monthly income for a family of four may not exceed \$2,184. Verification of income for the month of September must be submitted with the application.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Parent/Caretaker school clothing allowance program recipients will receive an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. This system upgrade allows for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card. Foster Care children will be issued checks that may be deposited or cashed to purchase school clothing.

Individuals may apply online at www.wvpath.org or request an application be mailed to them by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received in the local DHHR office by September 30, 2020.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2020 are:

No. of Persons in Household	Income Limit	No. of Persons in Household	Income Limit
1	\$1,064	6	\$2,930
2	\$1,437	7	\$3,304
3	\$1,810	8	\$3,677
4	\$2,184	9	\$4,050
5	\$2,557	10	\$4,424