

Authorized Representatives Disaster Food Stamp Program

- An authorized representative is an adult non-household member who is sufficiently aware of the applicant's circumstances. The authorized representative is responsible for providing information required to establish eligibility for Disaster Food Stamp Program benefits.
- The authorized representative may be appointed by the applicant household or self-appointed if the applicant has an illness, disability, or other hardship preventing them from completing the eligibility process. The authorized representative may be designated on the "Application for Disaster Food Stamp Assistance" in Part B or on the Food For Florida Pre-registration web site.
- Certain individuals are not allowed to be authorized representatives. These are:
 1. ACCESS Florida staff;
 2. Individuals disqualified for an intentional program violation;
 3. Retailers who are authorized to accept food stamp benefits; and
 4. Providers of meals for the homeless.
- Authorized representatives may not withhold information or give incorrect information about the applicant household. The authorized representative is subject to penalties for intentional program violation and overpayment to the same extent as the applicant household.