



Using Ohio Benefit Bank Self-Serve Website

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Ohioans struggling with things like paying bills or feeding their families, can access various types of assistance, including food, childcare, and healthcare through the Ohio Benefit Bank program of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. The Benefit Bank: Self-Serve website is a FREE web-based service that simplifies and centralizes the process of applying for benefits from the comfort of your home or anywhere with internet access, like your local library. In addition to applying for benefits, the Self-Serve website can also help you file taxes, apply for Veteran services, apply for student aid, or register to vote.

If you wish to use the Ohio Benefit Bank website from the comfort of your own home, please visit selfserve.thebenefitbank.org. If you are a little confused about how to get started, or do not have access to the Internet, the library will be offering two classes this month designed to take patrons through the step-by-step process of signing up for the website. The class will also review how to use the Quick Check tool to determine what benefits you may qualify for based on the information provided. If you know someone in need of these free services but could use a little help getting started, invite them to attend one of the technology classes.

Applying for Benefits Online
Wednesdays, April 12, & April 26
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Spillette Meeting Room

Please note that Chromebooks will be available for attendees to use on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to bring your own device.