Ohio | Department of Job and Family Services

FACT SHEET

Disability Financial Assistance

Ohio's Disability Financial Assistance Program provides a monthly cash benefit to eligible low-income individuals with disabilities who do not meet all the requirements necessary to receive help from other federal and state programs, such as Supplemental Security Income and Ohio Works First. County departments of job and family services determine eligibility based on Ohio Administrative Code rules.

Who is eligible?

Eligible individuals include those who:

- Are determined by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to be disabled, or
- Were at least 60 years old and receiving Disability Financial Assistance as of June 2003.

In addition, income and resource limits apply. For example, a family's resources cannot exceed $1,000, regardless of the number of individuals in the family. Household resources include cash, savings and stocks. The maximum cash benefit is $115 per month for one person. For assistance groups that consist of more than one person, the maximum benefit increases based on the number of individuals living in the household who have a disability.

How can I apply?

There are three ways to apply:

- You can apply online at **https://odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov**.
- You can fill out a "Request for Cash, Food and Medical Assistance" (JFS 7200) form and submit it to your county agency. You can get the form there or at **http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/interfind.asp?formnum=07200**. You can find the address and phone number of your county agency at **http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/cntydir.stm** or by looking in the county government section of your phone book. Some county agencies have multiple locations so make sure to call first to find the location nearest you.
- You also may file the application through your local Ohio Benefit Bank site. The Ohio Benefit Bank helps low- and moderate-income Ohioans apply for work supports such as tax credits and public benefits. To find the Ohio Benefit Bank site nearest you and to get more information, go to **www.ohiobenefits.org**.