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West Virginia's 2011 School Clothing Vouchers to be released

On July 1, 2011, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Family Assistance will begin accepting applications for School Clothing Vouchers for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a $200 voucher that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children. Vouchers must be used at participating stores by October 31st.

Families who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance will automatically receive school clothing vouchers for each school age child in the home during mid July 2011. Children in West Virginia foster care will also automatically receive school clothing vouchers for each school age child enrolled in a West Virginia school. In addition, certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients are eligible for automatic issuance of the school clothing voucher. Families who received school clothing vouchers in 2010 and currently receive Medicaid or SNAP benefits from DHHR will receive an application in the mail during June 2011.

Other West Virginia families may be eligible for school clothing vouchers. Certain income guidelines must be met for eligibility. For example, the monthly income for a family of four must not exceed $1,863. Other eligibility guidelines are available from your local DHHR office or online. If you are interested in applying for the school clothing voucher, request an application by contacting your local DHHR office, calling 1-877-716-1212 or apply online at https://www.wvinroads.org. Verification of income for the month of July must be submitted with the application.

All applications must be received in the local DHHR office by July 31st. Applications will not be accepted after this date.

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