

What do I send in when I apply?

Completed application. The application must be signed by everyone living in the house aged 18 or older. All sections of the application must be completed.

Proof of household income (for everyone living in the house) received in the three calendar months prior to the month you sign and send in your application. **Proof means:** copies of check stubs, employer's statements, award letters, etc. Self-employed persons must send a complete copy of the previous year tax return.

Proof of home heating costs. Proof means: a copy of a recent bill or fill ticket from the energy supplier, a statement from the energy supplier showing type of heat and account number, or a statement from the landlord verifying heat is paid as part of rent or in addition to the rent.

Note: Please include a copy of your most recent electric bill if your main heating type is either fuel oil, natural gas or propane.

For more information:

Office of Energy Assistance
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

Office Hours:
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (CST)
Monday - Friday

800.233.8503
dss.sd.gov

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Low-Income Energy Assistance for South Dakotans

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The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) helps eligible South Dakotans pay for home heating costs. Energy assistance may not pay for all of your home heating costs.

How does energy assistance help?

The program helps eligible households with home heating costs by paying the energy supplier directly. Types of heating may include:

Natural Gas and Electric Heat:

If you are eligible for energy assistance, the benefit amount you you are approved for will be applied to any unpaid heating charges from regular meter read dates from October 1 through May 15.

Propane and Fuel Oil:

If you are eligible, the benefit amount you are approved for will be applied to any unpaid heating charges from tank fills from July 1 through April 30.

The program may also help:

- If your heating costs are included in the cost of your rent.
- If you pay heating costs directly to your landlord in addition to your rent.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility for the program is based on:

- Number of people in household
- Gross income of everyone in the household
- Your home's main heat source type
- County you live in

If you are approved, you will receive a notice by mail with the benefit amount you are eligible to receive.

You are only allowed to receive Low-Income Energy Assistance benefits in one home during the year and cannot receive both State and Tribal energy assistance program benefits in the same year.

You must pay any bills that are not covered by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

You must report your change of address to the Office of Energy Assistance within 10 days of your move. Failure to report a move could result in your case being closed.

If you receive assistance as a result of providing false information, you will be required to repay the amount you incorrectly received.

How do I apply?

There are several ways to apply:

- E-mail DSSHeat@state.sd.us to either request an application or e-mail a completed application.
- Call toll-free at 800.233.8503 to request an application be mailed to you.
- Complete an application online at dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/energy_weatherization_assistance.aspx
- Visit your local Department of Social Services office to obtain an application.

Note: Applications received after March 31 will be processed for the next heating season.

