

College Student SNAP Eligibility



Meet all normal SNAP eligibility requirements.

Income limits are included, financial aid and/or work-study earnings are not counted.

NOTE: Parental income must be considered in determining eligibility for students 21 or younger who live at home with their parent(s).



Do not have a meal plan.

-or-

Have a meal plan that provides 10 or fewer meals per week averaged over the course of a semester.



Qualify to be an eligible student.

(Please see list of ways to be considered an eligible student below)

If you meet the requirements, fill out the SNAP self-referral.

Once submitted, someone from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will reach out to you as soon as possible

Ways to be an eligible student

To be included as a member of a SNAP household, a student must qualify by meeting at least one of the following:

Qualify by Enrollment Status

- Attending high school;
- Enrolled in school less than half-time, as determined by the school; **or**
- Attending a school or training program that is not an institution of higher education, meaning a school (or special curriculum at a college) which does not require students have a high school diploma or GED to enroll

Qualify by Age or Disability

- Attending high school;
- Under age 18;
- Age 50 or older; **or**
- Physically or mentally unfit

Qualify by Work or Training Status

- Working 20 hours per week;
- Self-employed and earning at least \$145 per week;
- Participating in a work-study program, regardless of hours or earnings;
- Participating in an on-the-job-training program (OJT); **or**
- Enrolled in school through certain workforce development programs

Qualify by Having a Specific Major at a PA Community College

- Be enrolled in certain career-driven majors or courses of study. Your school can verify you meet this criterion by completing the [DHS Community College Verification Form](#).

Qualify by being a Parent or Caretaker

- Receiving TANF benefits;
- Caring for a child under age 6;
- Caring for a child age 6-11 if childcare is unavailable; **or**
- Single parent caring for a child age 6-11 and going to school full-time

Qualify by Being Enrolled in certain DHS-Approved Programs

- Be enrolled in school through or in compliance with a DHS-approved state or local program to increase employability (approved programs).