



New Resources on SNAP Eligibility for Community College and Economic Opportunity Center Students

Hunger Solutions New York has released new and updated materials that reflect recent policy changes that expand SNAP eligibility to more low-income students, including college students. These materials include:

- [An updated SNAP Student Eligibility Checklist](#)
- [A SNAP and Students Flyer](#)
- [A full update about policy changes impacting student eligibility on our SNAP and Students webpage](#)

In Brief

Many previously ineligible students may now be able to apply for SNAP benefits due to recent state and federal policy changes. The state policy expands eligibility to low-income students enrolled in qualified Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at SUNY/CUNY community, comprehensive and technology colleges and to students at Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) enrolled in CTE programs, remedial courses, basic adult education, literacy, or English as a second language.

Federal policy changes temporarily expand college student eligibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under these new rules, two categories of students may be newly eligible for SNAP:

- Students who ***qualify to participate*** in work-study, ***regardless of whether they are actively working***; and
- Students who have an ***expected family contribution (EFC) of \$0*** in the current academic year under federal student financial aid rules.

These changes will bring much-needed relief to many low-income students who struggle to afford food while trying to keep up with their studies.

Please Note

There are ***additional SNAP income and eligibility rules that all SNAP applicants***, including students, must meet in order to qualify to receive a SNAP benefit each

month. See our [SNAP Prescreening Guide](#) pages 30-31 for full eligibility rules for students and for more information on the income and eligibility rules for all SNAP applicants.

Read full updates on our SNAP and Students webpage

Hunger Solutions New York will continue to send email updates, post updates to our website, and use Facebook and Twitter to share information. Thank you for your continued efforts to help New Yorkers with needed access to food during this time.



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