



NYS Expands SNAP Eligibility for Students

Nearly 75,000 students in career and technical educational programs may now qualify for SNAP.

Starting on October 1, 2020 a new SNAP policy change expands the definition of an “eligible student” allowing low-income students who are currently ineligible for SNAP, to qualify to receive benefits.

The following students may qualify for SNAP if they attend:

- a State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY) including attending a technology college, or community college, and enrolled in a qualified certificate or degree Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.
- an Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) and enrolled in a CTE program, remedial courses, basic adult education, literacy, or English as a second language.

For all the details including how to determine if a student is now eligible for SNAP, what documentation is needed, and more... go to our new [Students and SNAP page](#).

SNAP Eligibility Prescreening Guide October 2020 Edition

You can now download our SNAP in New York State: An Eligibility Prescreening Guide, October 2020 edition [here](#). This SNAP prescreening guide is designed for human service agencies, advocates, and volunteers working with low-income households who wish to:

1. Determine which households may qualify for SNAP benefits as well as their estimated SNAP benefit allotment;
2. Assist potentially eligible households through the SNAP application process; and
3. Assist current SNAP participants in the recertification process.



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