



Focus on school. We can help with food.



More college students will now qualify for CalFresh.

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Questions? The County can help!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How community partners can help college students with what they should know



What's the change?

More college students may now qualify for CalFresh. Undergraduate degree programs at public colleges and universities can help students meet the CalFresh student exemption.



What if the student is undeclared or a transfer?

Students who have not declared a major or are planning to transfer and are enrolled in general education courses qualify for the student exemption.



Does this apply to all students?

No. All college students are encouraged to apply to have CalFresh eligibility reviewed by the County.



What are other ways students may qualify?

Students may qualify if they:

- Work 20+ hours per week
- Participate in work study
- Care for a child under 6
- Meet another CalFresh student exemption



Do students qualify for CalFresh automatically?

No. Students must still meet other CalFresh eligibility requirements, such as income and household rules.



Are there other rules students should know about?

Yes. Some students with meal plans or under the age of 22 who live with their parents may have different eligibility rules.



How can CalFresh help students?

CalFresh helps students buy healthy food and stretch their food budget while in school.



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