

## **SNAP for College Students**



The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps, puts food on the table and is the most effective program for combatting hunger, keeping millions of adults and children out of poverty. College students who struggle to afford food may be eligible for SNAP!

## You may be eligible if you:

- Are enrolled at least parttime in an institution of higher education;
- Have an income below the threshold (see below);
- Meet one of the exemptions for college students (see right-side) AND;
- Participate in work study or spend 20 hours per week working or volunteering

| Household Size | Monthly<br>Gross Income |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1              | \$1,632                 |
| 2              | \$2,215                 |
| 3              | \$2,798                 |
| 4              | \$3,380                 |

## **EXEMPTIONS**

- Under 18 or over 54 years of age
- Unable to work due to a disability.
  - NOTE: Receiving SSI/SSDI may not be enough. You may need a medical note to be exempt
- Care for a child under age 6; OR single parents, enrolled full-time, and care for a child under age 12; OR have a child between age 6 and 11, do not have adequate childcare, and work at least 20 hours per week.
- Participate in TANF (Families First):
- Participate in one of the following:
  - SNAP E&T programs
  - Workforce Investment Act related programs
  - Trade Adjustment Assistance
  - Other programs as approved by DHS, such as Unemployment Insurance

**MEAL PLANS:** If you receive a majority of your meals (more than 10 out of 21 meals per week) through a meal plan (mandatory or optional), you are **NOT** eligible for SNAP.