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Student CalFresh is a program that helps individuals with low-income purchase groceries/food. Eligibility for this program is dependent on the total monthly income of the household.

Please review the information below carefully to determine your eligibility. This program is supported by the State of California. For questions, please call 1-877-847-3663.

HOW TO APPLY

Using your laptop, tablet, or mobile device, visit <https://www.getcalfresh.org/en>

Please watch this short how-to video so that you have your documents ready! [How to apply to CalFresh as a college student YouTube Video](#)

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL

STUDENTSERVICES@SCUHS.EDU

FOR MORE INFORMATION!

CHECK ELIGIBILITY

You must meet these options:

- Between 18-49 years old, enrolled in classes at least ½ time, and attending a school at least half-time and/or working.
- College students must work at least 20 hours per week or 80 hours per month (on average). If a student does not meet this work requirement, they may utilize a student exemption for CalFresh eligibility
- Student Eligibility
- Approved for state or federal work-study money and have not refused any job assignments.
- Approved and awarded CalGrant A or B.
- TANF funded & CSAC letter
- A full-time student who is a single parent to a child under 12.
- A part-time student with a child (6-11 years old) without adequate childcare.
- A student responsible for the care of a dependent household member:
 - Under the age of six.
 - Under the age of 12 and without adequate childcare
 - Employed in an on-campus position
 - Enrolled in an approved Local Program that Increases Employability (LPIE)
 - Does not plan to register for the next school term.

Use this calculator to determine financial eligibility: <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1228>





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PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Proof of identity – must be state/government issued. Ex: drivers license, state identification card, U.S. passport, etc.
- Social Security Number for all households members.
- Proof of Income (only if you have an income). If you are working on campus, ask your supervisor to write you a letter outlining the number of hours you work, pay, etc. The Financial Aid Office can also assist you with creating this letter.
- Proof rent and housing expenses such as child support.
- Financial aid award letter.
- Bank statements for all accounts (checking, savings, retirement, etc.).

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Carefully read each question on the application and answer honestly. It can take up to 30 days (about 4 and a half weeks) to receive a decision. If approved, you will receive an electronic benefit transfer card in the mail.
- If you were denied, reach out to the County Welfare Office about your application by calling 1-800-952-5253.
- If you need help filling out your application, call 1-877-847-3663. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Russian. For speech and/or hearing assistance call 711 Relay.

