



Student Eligibility in the CalFresh Program

There are specific rules used to determine whether a college student (age 18 through 49) is eligible for CalFresh. If you or a member of your household are currently attending college or university half time or more (as defined by your school's degree/transfer requirements, often 7.5 units), you **MAY** be eligible to participate in the CalFresh Program if you meet **any one** of the following criteria. If you have any questions, speak to an eligibility specialist for more information.

- Are employed for a minimum of 80 hours per month or, if self-employed and working at least 80 hours/month with gross monthly earnings at least equal to the Federal minimum wage multiplied by 80 hours.
- Have been approved for state or federally financed work study.
- Are employed on campus by the school or an auxiliary organization.
- Are a single parent with responsibility for the care of a child under age 12.
- In a two-parent household and have parental control over a child under the age of 6.
- In a two-parent household and have parental control over a child who has reached age six but is under age 12 and for whom adequate childcare is not available.
- Are receiving TANF (CalWORKs/Tribal TANF) cash aid.
- Are receiving TANF-funded Cal Grant A or B *and* 25 or younger, currently unmarried, and CalFresh Household income is under \$50,000/year. Students can email or call the California Student Aid Commission to find out their Cal Grant funding source: (888)224-7268 or studentsupport@csac.ca.gov
- Are participating in program or major that is a Local Program to Increase Employability at a public institution (this list is available online from CDSS).
- In a Teaching or Research Assistantship.
- Enrolled in a Career & Technical Education program at College of the Redwoods.
- Currently receiving disabled services or disability benefits, or unable to work 20 hours a week while in school due to a physical or mental condition.
- Experiencing chronic homelessness.
- In treatment for or dependent upon drugs or alcohol.
- Experiencing domestic violence.