



# CalFresh for College Students - Eligibility Flow Chart

This flow chart is not representative of all CalFresh cases - please contact your nearest [application assister](#) or [County Family Resource Center](#) for more information.

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Are you a **U.S. Citizen, Legal Permanent Resident\***, or considered a **qualified noncitizen\***?

Unfortunately, you are **not eligible** for CalFresh. Reach out to your school to find out about additional resources for international or undocumented students.

Do you have a meal plan that provides you with **more than 10 meals a week**?

Unfortunately, you are **not eligible** for CalFresh due to having a meal plan that provides you with more than half your meals a week. You may be eligible with a lower meal plan.

Are you **younger than 22 AND** living with your **parent(s)**?

Because you are younger than 22 and living with your parents, you will have to apply for CalFresh **with your parent(s)**. Their income and information will be considered.

Do you have **State/Federal Work Study** accepted or **CalGrant A or B**?

You are **likely eligible** for CalFresh! You are still subject to income limit guidelines and providing additional verifications.

Are you participating in an **approved LPIE** (Local Programs that Increase Employability)? This can be your major, program, or being employed on campus for *any* amount of hours. All approved LPIE programs can be viewed on the [CalFresh Resource Center Policy Page](#) by CDSS.

Are you employed and working an **average of 20 hours or more a week**?

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Do you meet any of the requirements listed on the [CDSS CalFresh Student Exemption Form](#)?

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## CALFRESH'S DEFINITION OF A COLLEGE STUDENT

You are considered a college student on the CalFresh application if you are:

- Between the ages of 18-49
- Enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education
- Physically and mentally able to attend school and work

## NOTES

\*Only legal permanent residents of 5 years+ are eligible for CalFresh. If you have been a Legal Permanent Resident for less than 5 years, you are eligible for **California's Food Assistance Program (CFAP)**.

For a full list of qualified non-citizens, please see the [GetCalFresh Immigrant Guide](#), under the "*Which Immigrants can get CalFresh?*" tab.

\*If you'd like to learn more about the CalFresh application process, check out our [College Student Application Guide](#). If you have any questions, please email [calfresh@sdhunger.org](mailto:calfresh@sdhunger.org).

## 2022-2023 CalFresh Income Limits

| PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD | GROSS MONTHLY INCOME | MONTHLY NET INCOME |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>1</b>            | \$2,430              | \$1,215            |
| <b>2</b>            | \$3,288              | \$1,644            |
| <b>3</b>            | \$4,144              | \$2,072            |

\*Effective October 1st, 2023 to September 30th, 2024