

# Students encouraged to check their eligibility for SNAP benefits

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A change in federal law has made more students temporarily eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. The new, temporary eligibility will be in effect until 30 days after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.



Based on the 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information students provided to Oakland University, they may be eligible for these expanded benefits if they meet **one or both** of the criteria below:

- Eligible to participate in the federal work study program (whether or not participating)
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of zero in the current academic year

Students should contact their local SNAP office to find out how to apply, or for other questions about SNAP eligibility. State SNAP agencies administer the program, process applications and determine eligibility. Contact information for State SNAP agencies and local office can be found in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service [SNAP State Directory](#).

**State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) SNAP contact information:**

Program Name: Food Assistance Program - Michigan Bridge Card

[State SNAP Website](#)

[State List of Local Offices](#)

Phone: 1-888-642-7434