

# FOOD & INTERNET ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) ELIGIBILITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As a college student, you may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is a federal program that provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of individuals and families in need.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, temporarily expands SNAP eligibility to students who either:

- Are eligible to participate in work study employment during the 2020-2021 academic year (students eligible for federal work study are notified by the Financial Aid Office), or
- Have an expected family contribution (EFC) of 0 in the current academic year. The EFC is based on a student's data entered on a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**APPLY:** You can apply for SNAP benefits at your local Department of Human Services county office or online at the Department of Tennessee Department of Human Services SNAP website.

Additional Information can be found: <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap.html>

## EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM - ASSISTANCE PAYING FOR INTERNET SERVICE

Households with at least one member receiving a federal Pell Grant during the 2020-2021 academic year may be eligible to receive up to \$50 per month to help pay for broadband internet service. Other low-income households may be eligible for discounts on internet access through the Lifeline Program. Students should contact their internet service provider to determine if they are a participating provider and the process in place to apply for the benefit.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Student Resources: TBR COVID-19 Guide – local, state and national support services and resources to help students in the current COVID-19 climate. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MscOfKB15sLjeWfsMvDHzliVj7xOocWuStaw6ExO3c/edit?usp=sharing>