

TIPS FOR ESTABLISHING CALFRESH EBT ON YOUR COLLEGE CAMPUS

Would you like to make it possible for college students to use CalFresh benefits on campus?

Recipients of CalFresh benefits can now use Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase food.

Also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, or formerly referred to as “food stamps”.



At Humboldt State University (HSU), HSU Dining Services was able to qualify for EBT transactions for one of the HSU campus locations that sells groceries among other things (College Creek Market Place). Students can now buy nutritious food with their CalFresh benefits!

STEP 1

To get the process started, you first need to see if one of your campus markets will qualify:

[Retail Store Eligibility USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#)

STEP 2

If you think the store qualifies, the next step is starting a simple online application:

[Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) Retailer Application Link](#)

In addition to qualification as an EBT retailer, there are other questions to consider:

- Do you have campus partners and/or programs that can help with outreach to get qualifying students signed up for SNAP benefits?
- Are EBT transactions compatible with your POS system?
- Can you use your existing cashiering equipment or do you need to upgrade?
- How will you integrate income from EBT sales into your accounting system?
- Training and supervision of staff to properly manage transactions at the location?

At HSU, campus administrators responsible for making EBT available are willing to answer questions about their experience.

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Visit [Humboldt State University Oh SNAP!](#) Student-to-Student Support for a Healthier College Experience for ideas about how to increase access to healthy foods for college students!

For information about Best Practices for conducting CalFresh Outreach on your campus, go to the [California State University, Chico Center for Healthy Communities](#).

Your work to help reduce barriers to inclusive student success is important. We wish you the best of luck as you move forward with this vital work on your campus.