



Enrollment Day

Save Money in a SNAP

Eligibility

Students must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Accepted federally funded work-study and anticipate working
- Paid employee working at least 20 hours a week
- Self-employed at least 20 hours each week and have countable monthly income of at least \$1,247 after business costs
- Responsible for the care of a child under the age of 6
- Receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) cash assistance
- In a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training program
- Receiving Unemployment Compensation
- Participating in at least one of the Employment Department training programs
- Unable to work due to physical or physiological difficulties
- Already declared a major intended to complete in 4 years and have plans for a career/employment

There are factors that affect the chances of eligibility:

- Students cannot receive school meal plans that cover more than 51% of the meals
- Students on a break from school must still meet student criteria
- Students under the age of 22 who are living at home must apply with their family
- Financial aid received through the Veterans Administration or private scholarships count as income.

Eligibility Tools: Can either be done on tablet or personal device during tabling events. Create posters with QR codes in bathrooms, dining halls, and around campus to encourage students to check for eligibility

- ❑ Qualification and Start of Application:
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/Public/CMPHome>
- ❑ SNAP Benefits Calculator: https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1169#Eligibility_Checker
- ❑ Encourage eligible individuals to download compass app

Promotion

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- Eligibility Labeling (as well as all SE Events and social media)
- Syllabus Statements
- Work Study Loophole (creating as part of orientation)
- Drexel mass email

Application Experts

- ❑ Benephilly: free service that frequently goes to events, located outside city hall. We hope to partner with Benephilly and host a workshop setting to help students who qualify for public assistance to fill out their applications on a set date to allow them the best chance to be awarded aid.
- ❑ HotLine: with the help of the HOPE Center and Benephilly in the coming year it would be ideal to create a hotline just for students seeking
- ❑ Philadelphia County Assistance Office

Advocacy for Student

In the event a student is denied public benefits, it is not always due to lack or need or eligibility but rather discrimination. It is important to have resources available to students so they are able to appeal their case and get benefits. The following sources are recommended.

- ❑ Community Legal Services: <https://clsphila.org/about-community-legal-services/>
- ❑ Philadelphia Legal Assistance: <https://philalegal.org/taxonomy/term/17>

Sustainability

- ❑ Choosing a SNAP/Benefits Coordinator position on SE Drexel to ensure program continuation
 - ❑ Ensure SNAP/Benefits knowledge at SE with awareness campaign and be a SNAP expert