

EBT on Campus: Overview for WA Campuses

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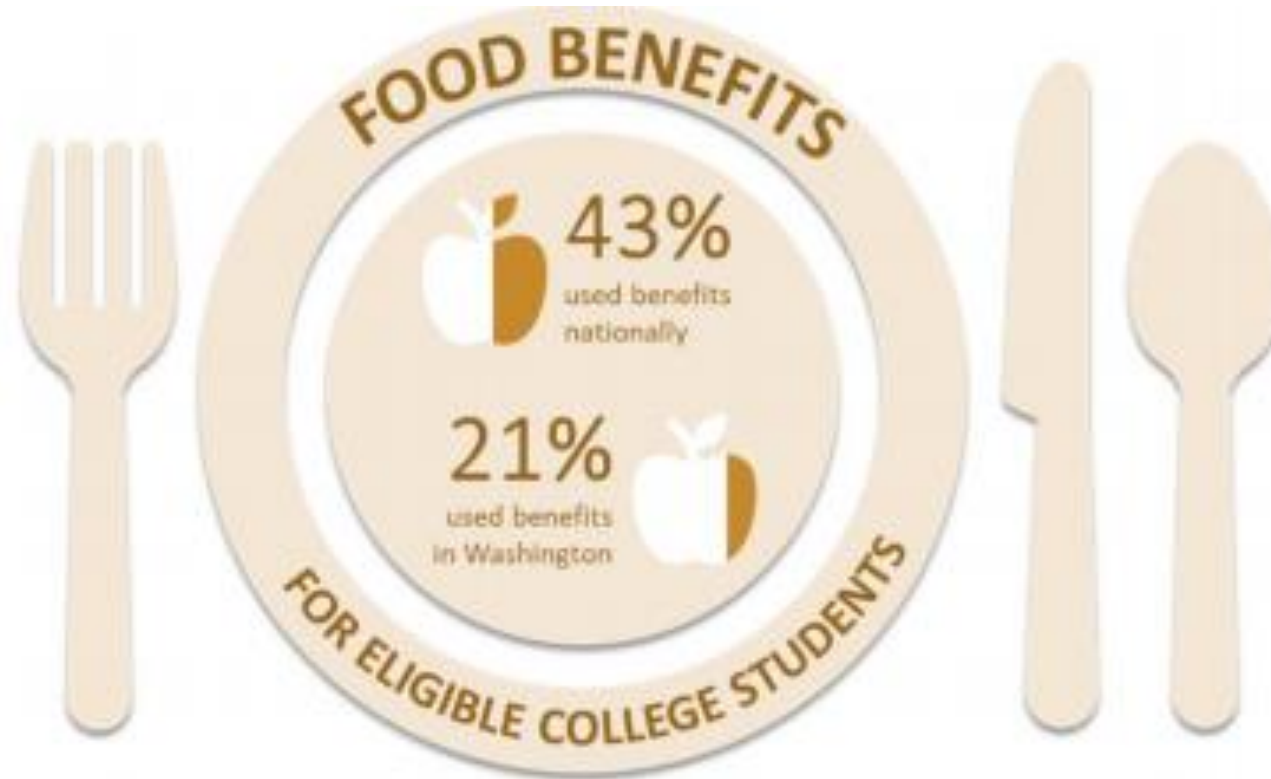


Goals

- Continue to build shared understanding of food insecurity for postsecondary students in Washington, including recent state policy efforts to increase SNAP access on campuses
- Learn about the process to accept EBT on campus
- Discuss campus questions and share resources
- Consider next steps for campuses



Food benefits are part of the puzzle



“United States Government Accountability Office Report to Congressional Requesters FOOD INSECURITY,” 2018. <https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/696254.pdf>.

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Policy promoting postsecondary food security

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Providing
emergency
assistance to
postsecondary
students and
increasing food
security

- EBT Card Use on College Campuses
- Work Study Allowance for SNAP
- Report on Categorical Eligibility
- SNAP Awareness and Access Campaign
 - ◆ Financial Aid Award Letter Notifications
 - ◆ BFET Expansion Proposal
 - ◆ ABAWD Navigation Model



Plan C: EBT Card Use on Campuses

Plan A

- Waiver requested to allow campuses to accept EBT without USDA requirements
- Denied October 2019

Plan B

- Demonstration Project - not statewide - submitted Dec 2019
- Denied

Plan C

- Orient campus teams to EBT retailer process, resource and support
- If campuses want to move forward, provide follow up support.



EBT Retailer application process



How do you become a SNAP authorized retailer?

1. Carry and Sell Staple food items

- ❖ Meet Criterion A or
- ❖ Meet Criterion B
- ❖ Other possible considerations

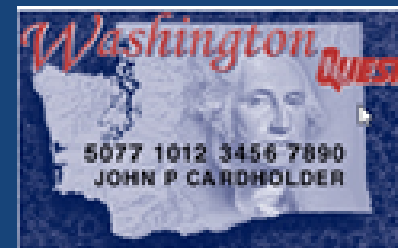
2. Apply Online

- ❖ Single retailer or Multiple Retailer application options

3. Ensure your 3rd party process accept Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) cards also known as the Quest Card.



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Carry and Sell Eligible Food Items

Criterion A - Stock STAPLE Food Items

Staple food items include and assortment of items in the 4 main categories

- ❖ Fruits and vegetables;
- ❖ Meat, poultry, and fish;
- ❖ Dairy products;
- ❖ Breads and cereals



Accessory Foods

- ❖ Snack and dessert foods;
- ❖ Carbonated or un-carbonated beverages (except milk, plant-based milk alternatives, and 100% fruit/vegetable juice).



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Carry and Sell Eligible Food Items

Criterion A - Staple Foods



- ❖ A store must have 3 stocking units of 2 different varieties for each staple food category on a continuous basis. (such some stores such as small convenience stores and some other specialty stores).

Criterion A Requirements:

3 Stocking Units of
3 Staple Food Varieties
in *each of the*
4 Staple Food Categories

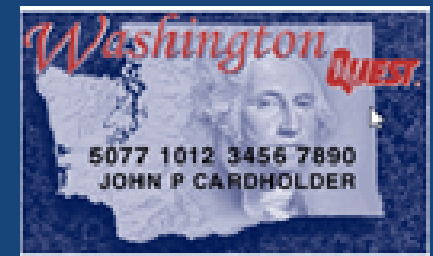


3 Stocking Units of
1 Perishable Staple Food Variety
in *at least*
2 Staple Food Categories

36 staple food stocking units are needed to meet Criterion A.



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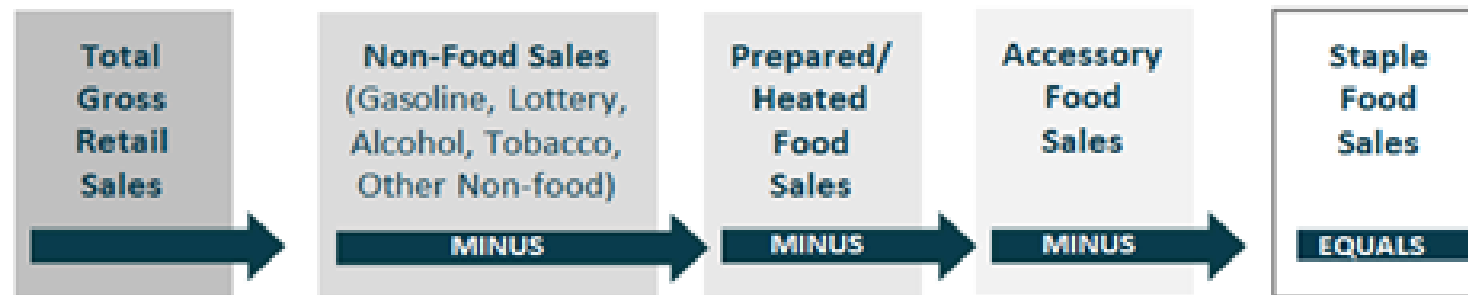


Carry and Sell Eligible Food Items

Criterion B - 50% of Gross Retail Sales

- ❖ A store must have more than 50% of its total gross retail sales from the sale of staple foods (some examples include as Farmer's markets and Butcher Shops)

Criterion B Calculation and Requirements:



If Staple Food Sales are more than 50 percent of Total Gross Retail Sales, then the store meets Criterion B requirements.



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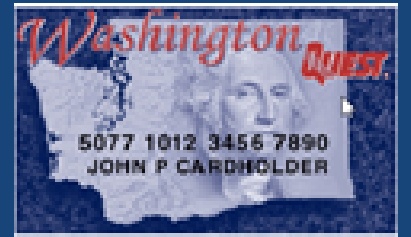
Other Considerations

- ❖ Need for access – remote location determined by FNS
- ❖ Restaurant Meals Program (RMS)
- ❖ Co-Location

~QUESTIONS~



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Application Process

Go to the SNAP Program Application Page. Here you will be able to:

1. **Get a USDA Account**
 - ❖ <https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/registration>
2. **Complete the Application**
 - ❖ Criterion A or B
 - ❖ Other Category (remote location, RMS)
 - ❖ Multi Store Owner (MSO)
3. **Submit supporting Documents**
4. **Check application status.**
5. **Recertify as required**

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Accepting the EBT Card

- ❖ Once certified as a SNAP retailer, your retailer will need to ensure that they are able to accept EBT sales.
- ❖ SNAP EBT Third Party Processor List-
Company a store uses to process Debit, Credit and EBT card Sales
- ❖ **EBT Cash**
Campus stores, cafeterias, etc., can accept EBT cash benefits without an USDA application. This would allow student who receive cash benefits to use them to purchase food and other non-food items on campus.



Next Steps: EBT SNAP Retailer Application



SNAP Retailer Application:

a. Consider:

- i. Who will oversee our application process?
- ii. Who else needs to be on our team?

a. Check out resources

- i. Video
- ii. Website

a. Create a plan for Criterion A (or B or other category)

- i. Next application workshop in winter quarter/semester (TBA)



EBT cash benefits access:

- **Why?**
 - Allows students to use their cards on campus.
 - Can be done whether or not you apply to be a SNAP EBT retailer
- **Retailer next steps:**
 - Find out if your Third Party Processor accepts EBT Quest
 - Options if not:
 - Contact a Third Party Processor from list;
 - Either add a Quest point-of-sale machine, or switch processor



Q&A

Please type your questions for the presenters
in the chat box.

Thank you Presenters!



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