

Student Food Security Programs: 2021

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Colleagues,

As you may know, Food insecurity among students on college campuses nationwide continues to rise. Emory, unfortunately, is not an exception to this trend. In response, Emory Campus Dining and Student Case Management and Intervention Services (SCMIS) have developed a variety of programs to address the immediate critical food needs of our undergraduate and graduate students.

Please contact Chad Sunstein or Liz Carlino at Emory Dining or Adrienne Bryant-Smith or Amanda Trubetskoy in Student Case Management with referral questions or for additional information.

Our guiding principle: *“Hunger is not an issue of charity, it is an issue of justice.”* – Jacques Diouf

Program Summaries

1. **Food Security Safeguard Program (FSSP):** Launches Tuesday, September 7

- Provides three meal swipes for immediate use in the Dobbs Common Table (all you care to eat dining hall); student’s use of the program remains invisible to all others. No paper passes are used or necessary to identify the student’s use of this program.
- To activate the meals, the student completes the FSSP form on the Dining website (dining.emory.edu) and three meals are immediately and automatically added to their Emory Card at no cost to the student;
- Student Case Management receives a notification with the student’s information to ensure that the student is ‘on the radar’.
- No requirements or questions asked of the student.
- If a student requests a second set of meals in the same semester, Student Case Management will be notified so they may reach out to the student to conduct a formal assessment and design an individual plan for the student.

2. Academic Breaks

Many residential students must stay on campus during academic breaks when campus dining units are typically closed. To ensure that students who depend on campus dining are supported, we will offer the following at no cost to students with food security concerns, as determined by Student Case Management and Intervention Services.

- **Thanksgiving break:** Two catered meals will be offered by Campus Dining in a convenient campus location each day during the Thanksgiving break
- **Winter break:** SCIMS will assess specific needs of students who must remain on campus during winter break. Campus Dining will provide a \$30 per diem in declining balance funds to be used at the SAAC Café on the Clairmont Campus, which remain open during winter break.
- **Spring break:** As with Thanksgiving break, two catered meals will be offered in a convenient campus location each day during spring break.
- **End of academic year/pre-commencement:** The few days after the end of spring finals and before commencement have emerged as a difficult time for students with food security concerns. Campus dining will offer two catered meals for students during this time.
- **Summer:** Like winter break, SCIMS will assess specific needs of students who must remain on campus during summer break. Campus dining will provide a \$30 per diem in declining balance funds to be used at the SAAC Café on the Clairmont Campus, which will remain open during summer break

3. Job Opportunities

Campus Dining has identified a variety of part-time job opportunities in dining locations across campus for students who may want part-time work with accommodating schedules. SCIMS will bring these opportunities to students and make the proper referrals. Students are provided the university's \$15/hr. minimum rate of pay and free or greatly reduced cost meals.

4. Bread Coffeehouse Food Pantry

Working in collaboration with Student Case Management, Emory dining will make weekly donations of healthy food to the food pantry. Donations will focus on unprocessed fresh and frozen produce, typically difficult to find in many food pantries.

5. 'Shopping and Cooking on a Budget' educational series

Emory Dining is creating a monthly, hands-on informative/educational program for students to learn the basics of shopping and cooking on a budget. Focus of the program, to be presented in the Few Hall demo kitchen, will be on healthy, high nutritional lower cost choices. Students will also learn fundamental culinary skills and enjoy the product of their work each class.

6. Supporting student-driven programs

Our students have consistently expressed a desire to contribute anonymously to support their peers who are experiencing food insecurity. The following programs were introduced several years ago and will continue:

- ***Guest Swipe Donation Program:*** Students on Meal Plan A or K may donate up to two of their guest swipes for students in need each semester.
- ***Dooley Donation Program:*** At the end of the spring semester, students may purchase non-perishable goods with their remaining Dooley Dollars to be donated to those in need. These critical needs items will be allocated to SCMIS to distribute at their discretion.

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