Good news! Starting March 2018, most low-income community college students can get SNAP benefits (food stamps). Until now, most students could only get SNAP if they are working 20 hours a week, receive work study, have young children, or have health problems.

Because of a new policy, now Pennsylvania’s community college students who are in programs that will improve their employability can also qualify for SNAP.

SNAP provides up to $192 a month in benefits to buy food at grocery stores. You can apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us. You will need to submit the form on the back of this flyer, completed by an official at your college.
This form is used to help the County Assistance Office determine if the student listed above may be eligible for SNAP benefits (food stamps) under federal SNAP student regulations. This form must be completed and signed by a school official. The college may also provide this information in a letter.

Please answer the questions below:

1. Is the student attending a Pennsylvania community college? □ Yes □ No
   College Name: ____________________________________________

2. Is the student enrolled in school at least half-time? □ Yes □ No

3. Is the student participating in work study? □ Yes □ No

4. Please list the student’s course of study/major: ____________________________________________

Certification and Signature:

I certify by my signature below that the college considers the above-mentioned student’s course of study to be either:
1.) a career and technical education program under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, OR,
2.) associated with a high priority occupation*.

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Signature of School Official Date

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Printed Name of School Official Title

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Name of School Phone Number

*For more information on high priority occupations, please visit http://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/Products/HPOs/Pages/default.aspx.