HELP TODAY’S STUDENTS FINISH HIGHER ED

DID YOU KNOW?

COLLEGE STUDENTS eligible for SNAP
57%
Not receiving SNAP

GENERAL POPULATION eligible for SNAP
18%
Not receiving SNAP

COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE FOOD INSECURE
Today’s college students seek upward mobility through higher education. Many are financially independent, have dependents, and 31% of students face food insecurity.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE BURDENsome
Even if students would otherwise qualify for SNAP benefits based on all the other criteria, those attending class more than half-time are ineligible to receive SNAP unless they meet a complicated set of exemptions.

SIMPLIFY SNAP ACCESS FOR LOW-INCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS
Updating the exemptions and streamlining the process would help today’s students complete their credentials. An educated workforce is a competitive workforce. Congress needs to ensure that the most in-need students can access SNAP.