

# SAIC FOOD RESOURCES

Students in immediate need may contact the Office of Student Affairs and request a Jewel gift card. This emergency food assistance exists for students who find themselves in a financial crisis and have exhausted all other short-term resources. An in-person meeting with an OSA staff member is required to receive a card.

You will find additional information in this document regarding alternate means of obtaining food assistance outside SAIC. Students are welcome and encouraged to contact the Office of Student Affairs directly with any other questions or concerns.

## The Office of Student Affairs

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION & DEFINITIONS

### The Butler Loan

In the case of a financial emergency, students may apply for a short-term, no-interest loan of up to \$300 known as a Butler Loan. These loans are available to every student whose account is current (does not have an outstanding balance), not just to financial aid recipients.

Students can typically receive the Butler Loan on the same day they request it. Students can only receive one such loan per semester, and it must be repaid within one (1) month. Please note that Butler Loans are not available during the last four weeks of the semester, and students cannot request more than one advance or loan at a time.

### Financial Aid Information

For details regarding other financial aid resources, please contact the Student Financial Services office at 312.629.6600, or visit our website at [saic.edu/sfs](http://saic.edu/sfs).

### Definitions

**Food Pantries:** distribute produce, protein, dairy, and shelf-stable food to those in need. Many pantries in the Food Depository's network use the client choice model, which enables clients to choose the food they receive, similar to a grocery store.

**Soup Kitchens:** provide prepared single-serving meals to those in need, using food received from the Food Depository.

**Shelters:** An organization offering temporary housing and meals to individuals needing assistance.

## NATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

### The Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has several resources for food and financial assistance. Please visit [dhs.state.il.us](http://dhs.state.il.us) for a complete list, or call 800.843.6154.

### SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps) helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health. Benefits are provided on the Illinois Link Card, an electronic card that works like a debit card and is accepted at most grocery stores. Determine your eligibility for SNAP: <http://fscalc.dhs.illinois.gov/FSCalc/>.

### Immediate Food Aid

Call the USDA National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE

(1-877-842-6273). Information is available in English and Spanish. The hotline operates Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time

#### Find a Food Bank

Contact your local community food bank to find food banks near you. Learn more at [feedamerica.org](http://feedamerica.org).

#### Find a Food Pantry

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) lists health clinics, housing resources, food pantries and clothing assistance to eligible participants. Learn more at <https://www.hud.gov/>

## LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

**The Greater Chicago Food Depository** is a nonprofit food bank that distributes food and training to help eliminate hunger in the Chicago area. It contains a network of more than 650 pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters across Chicago. To learn more about The Greater Chicago Food Depository or to find a food pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter in Cook County visit: [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org)

### Curbside or Home Delivery

**Brave Space Alliance** is offering food pantry deliveries to families facing financial insecurities, with care given especially for immunocompromised individuals, people with disabilities, quarantined without pay, elderly, undocumented, and BIPOC individuals and families. Fill out this form to request support.

**The Salvation Army's** 19 Chicagoland food pantries remain open to provide curbside service and will continue to serve as a resource for anyone who needs assistance. In addition, the Salvation Army is prepared to serve individuals who are in shelters or quarantine/isolation, as well as first responders. For more information on emergency assistance, call (773) 725-1100 or visit [salarmychicago.org/coronavirus](http://salarmychicago.org/coronavirus).

**Safe Haven Foundation** offers Food Donation drop offs to the North Lawndale Community Center weekly, on Wednesdays from 8:30m

## FARMERS MARKETS

### 61st Street Farmers Market — Experimental Station\*

6100 S. Blackstone Ave.

### Andersonville Farmers Market\*

1500 W. Berwyn Ave.

### Columbus Park Farmers Market\*

W. Harrison St. & S. Central Ave.

### Daley Plaza Chicago Farmers Market\*

50 W. Washington St.

### Garfield Park Community Council\*

200 N. Kedzie Ave.

### Green City Market — West Loop\*

801 W. Fulton Market

### West Humboldt Park Farmers Market and Bazaar\*

3601 W. Chicago Ave.

### Wicker Park Farmers Market\*

1425 N. Damen Ave.

(\*) = Market provides Double Value Coupons. Spend \$10 SNAP benefits on your Link card and receive \$10 Double Value Coupons, allowing you to buy \$20 worth of food. Valid at participating markets. For more information check out the Illinois Department of Human Services: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=44172>.