

Food Assistance (College) Student Eligibility

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[Policy Manual 2210.0320.01-04](#), [C-10-03-0003 Students In Institutions of Higher Education](#), [C-10-10-0011 Students in the Road to Independence Program](#), [P-10-12-0013 Averaging Student Work Hours for Food Assistance](#)

For Food Assistance, the student must meet one of the exemptions below to be Eligible Adult (EA) or Eligible Child (EC):

#	Exemptions	Check this FLORIDA Screen
1.	Age 17 and under or Age 50 and over.	AIID Demographics "DOB" field
2.	Attending high school (includes combined high school/college, adult high school, and GED program), participating in on-the-job training programs, attending school less than half-time, or enrolled in schools/training programs which are not institutions of higher education.	AISA School "EDU CDE" field "ATT CDE" field
3.	Physically or mentally unfit (receiving temporary or permanent disability benefits from government or private sources).	AIDP Disability
4.	Obviously physically or mentally unfit. The impairment is so severe that they are unable to work. If the unfitness is not obvious, get written or verbal verification from a medical professional.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
5.	Working average work hours that total 80 hours per month and be paid for the work; There is no allowance for substitution of wages equal to 80 times the federal minimum wage. Use the last four weeks of work to determine the average if the hours are representative for the certification period. If not representative, use an anticipated amount of hours. See Averaging Student Work Hours for Food Assistance P-10-12-0013 .	AFEI "Monthly Hours" field = coded 80 hours or more
6.	Self-employed average work hours that total 80 hours per month and receiving payment for the work at least equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 80 hours per month.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
7.	Participating in a state or federally financed work-study program during the regular school term. The student must have approval for the work-study when they apply for food stamp benefits and anticipate actually participating in work-study during the school term. This exemption does not apply to students working in hospitals or as student teachers who must get actual experience as part of their course work or cooperative education students who attend classes full-time one semester and work at curriculum related jobs full-time the next semester. This work-study exemption does not continue during term breaks of more than a full month unless the student participates in work-study during the break.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
8.	Participating in an on-the-job training program. The exemption applies only while the employer is training the individual.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
9.	Responsible for the care of a dependent standard filing unit (SFU) member under age 6; If there is only one dependent SFU member under age 6, this exemption does not apply to both parents who are students. See memo C-05-05-0005 .	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
10.	Households with two parents or members acting as the parents responsible for the care of a dependent SFU member age six but under the age of 12 for whom adequate child care is not available to allow the student to attend class and comply with the requirements of working an average number of work hours that total 80 hours per month or attend class and participate in a state or federally financed work study; (This exemption can apply to both parents who are students.)	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
11.	Single parents enrolled in school full-time and responsible for care of a dependent child under age 12 when there is only one natural, adoptive, or step-parent in the same Food Assistance SFU;	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
12.	Receiving Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA).	TCA benefits passing or open on AWAA
13.	Enrolled in the school because of participation in the JOBS Program or its successor programs through the Agency for Workforce Innovation under Title IV of the Social Security Act.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
14.	Assigned to or placed in an institution of higher learning through the Job Training Partnership Act, the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program (FSET), Regional Workforce Board coalition/contract provider, the Trade Act, or state or local government employment and training program where components are the same as required components in the FSET Program.	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.
15.	Former foster children in the Road To Independence Program which helps eligible students receive educational and vocational training. Road To Independence recipients meet the eligible student criteria because it is a state or local program where one or more components are the same as required for the Food Assistance Employment and Training (FSET) Program. See Students in the Road to Independence Program C-10-10-0011 .	Answer "Y" to Half Care on AISA.

If the student meets none of the exemptions, they are an Excluded Adult (XA) on AGCC with their needs, assets, and income excluded from the Food Assistance SFU with no deductions in the budget as well.