



MA HUNGER FREE CAMPUS COALITION

To create Hunger-Free Campuses in MA, we need your help to:

- Secure \$4M in the FY24 State Budget for the Hunger Free Campus Initiative
- Pass *An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative* (S.835 / H.1293)

- **37% of public college students are food insecure**, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Latinx, LGBTQ students, and student parents. **Only 20% are enrolled in SNAP.**
- High costs of food, gas, and housing are choking students' budgets. Investments in nutrition and basic needs security has never been more essential to student success.

\$4M in the FY24 budget makes the Hunger Free Campus Initiative permanent. The Initiative creates a grant program at the Department of Higher Education to support college campuses in taking steps toward ending food insecurity on campus, including:

- notifying students of eligibility for federal food assistance benefits such as SNAP and WIC
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal-sharing programs
- funding for SNAP enrollment staff on campus
- creating awareness and anti-stigma campaigns to increase enrollment in federal nutrition programs

Recent data show a 33% decrease in students enrolling in state universities and community colleges. We need to remove hunger as an obstacle to successful college graduation to ensure that critical professions such as nurses, teachers, mental healthcare workers, and early childhood educators can operate at capacity.



Support \$4M in the FY24 budget and pass S.835 / H.1293!

Let's help our college students graduate and succeed.

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