

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

NAU Pilot Program – Potential SNAP Eligibility for College Students

10/16/2024

Program Impact: Nutrition Assistance

This Urgent Bulletin is being emailed to inform staff that Northern Arizona University (NAU) began a pilot program for NAU students in collaboration with the Department of Economic Security, Division of Benefits and Medical Eligibility, Family Assistance Administration (FAA). The pilot program targets NAU students likely eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The goal of the pilot program is to educate students about potential eligibility for SNAP and provide an overview of the application process for SNAP benefits.

NAU is sending a brief email to approximately 7,000 potentially eligible students. The emails are being sent in groups of 1,000 over the next seven weeks. The first group of emails was sent on 10/08/2024. (See the attached NAU Student Letter dated 10/08/2024.)

The second notification was emailed on 10/15/2024. The only difference between the first and second emails is the title in the blue box. The title now reads: Check for Eligibility. (See the attached NAU Student Letter dated 10/15/2024.)

Some students may have already applied for or are currently receiving SNAP benefits. FAA anticipates receiving additional applications when students read the NAU email.

Students may have questions about the application process or SNAP eligibility. For more information, refer students to the CNAP Manual reference [FAA3.D01](#) titled Adult Student Eligibility for NA. Students can access FAA3.D01 in the public version of the CNAP Manual via the following URL:

https://dbmefaapolicy.azdes.gov/#page/FAA3/Adult_Student_Eligibility_for_NA.html#

Review the DBME BEST Google Job Aid titled [Nutrition Assistance Student Institute of Higher Education \(IHE\)](#) to determine whether a student is potentially eligible for SNAP benefits. (Internal use only.)

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