

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fresno State offers some financial support funds to help decrease the financial burden that students may face.

### CalFresh

CalFresh is a nutrition assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need. CalFresh dollars help stretch a tight food budget and help many people afford to incorporate healthy foods like fruits and vegetables into their diets. Fresno State provides outreach and application assistance to students who may be eligible for CalFresh.

The Student Cupboard offers drop in assistance on CalFresh applications during their distribution hours.

Monday: 11am-4pm Tuesday: 11am-6pm Wednesday: 10am-4pm Thursday: 11am-6pm Friday: 11am-4pm

## **Application Process**

**Step 1:** Application prescreening at the Student Cupboard

**Step 2:** If eligible, complete and submit application at the Student Cupboard - Although the online version is available, we encourage you to apply online with the help of the CalFresh Outreach Team

**Step 3:** Once the application is received through online submission, your 30-day time frame begins

**Step 4:** You will need to complete your INTAKE INTERVIEW by phone or in person

**Step 5**: After your interview, you will be required to provide verification documents to your county office to complete your application. Your application will not be approved if you do not submit verification documents that meet their requirements. You can receive assistance with uploading these documents at the Student Cupboard.

### **Good Samaritan Grant**

The Good Samaritan Grant was created to assist Fresno State students who encounter an unforeseen financial emergency or catastrophic event which would otherwise prevent them from continuing their education at Fresno State. These funds are not intended to be used for routine expenses or as a consistent supplement to a student's education funding sources. Requests must be urgent in nature and consideration will only be given to applicants that have experienced an unforeseen financial emergency and/or catastrophic event.

In the past, they have assisted students who were victims of apartment fires, thefts and various other unexpected loss of income where short term help was needed for basic items, including food. Thanks to the Good Samaritan Grant, we now have an important resource to help students who have nowhere else to turn in times of extraordinary need.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration a student must:

- Be currently enrolled at Fresno State with the emergency occurring within the academic year of their application
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress toward a degree as determined by Financial Aid
- Be able to demonstrate his/her current financial need with supporting documentation (i.e.: police/fire report, recommendation from instructor/campus advocate, etc.)

Typical awards range up to \$1,500 per student. Students may not receive more than one award in an academic year unless there are extenuating circumstances. For more information call 278-4240 or email goodsamaritan@mail.fresnostate.edu