

STATE COLLEGE FOOD BANK MISSION

*To provide
food security,
directly or
indirectly,
to people in
Centre County.*



The Food Bank of the
State College Area, Inc.
1321 South Atherton Street
State College, PA 16801

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Emergency Food
available 24 hours a day,
seven days a week at
Centre Helps.

410 South Fraser Street
State College, PA 16801

814.237.5855
or 800.494.2500



Client Service Information



*One day,
no one will go
hungry in
Centre
County.*





Services

The State College Food Bank distributes groceries to households in need once every thirty days for a maximum of twelve visits per year. Distributions include vegetables, fruit, proteins, grains, and milk.

In addition to these items, if available, we include baking goods, condiments, beverages such as coffee and juice, baked goods, frozen dinners, meats, margarine, and eggs in the regular distribution. Clients are also eligible to receive two holiday distributions (Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Clients shop from the grocery shelves with the aid of a Grocery Assistant Volunteer, receiving a large supply of groceries, sufficient for one to two weeks. The size of the grocery distribution corresponds to the number of people in the household.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for services, you must:

1. Reside in the Boroughs of State College or Port Matilda or the townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris, Huston, Patton, Taylor, or Worth;
2. Meet income qualifications: household income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (amount changes yearly, exceptions made on a case-by-case basis); and
3. Have a current referral from a Safety Net Partner (several listed below).
 - **Salvation Army**
814.861.1785
 - **Centre Helps** (24/7)
814.237.5855 or 800.494.2500
 - **Centre Volunteers in Medicine**
814.231.4043

NOTE: Due to the amount of time needed to process a new client, ALL NEW CLIENTS must come to the Food Bank on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday **between 2:00-3:00 PM** for their first distribution.

Clients will need to provide proof of residency for everyone in their household.

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hours:

- Monday 1:00-5:00 PM
- Wednesday 1:00-4:00 PM
- Friday 1:00-4:00 PM

Distribution Guidelines:

- Doors open at 1:00 PM. Please do not arrive before 1:00 PM. If you choose to do so, plan for various types of weather.
- Numbers will be distributed to clients at 1:00 PM based on the order of arrival.
- Only one number will be given out per client unless you are authorized to pick up groceries for another client.
- If you are not present when your number is called, you will lose your place in line.
- All clients must arrive and be checked in by 4:30 PM on Mondays and 3:30 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you arrive within the last 30 minutes before closing time, you may be asked to come back on the next distribution date. (An emergency food bag will be provided as needed.)

OTHER SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

FREE SHELVES

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, free food items are put out on shelves in the Food Bank's front lobby area. Items may include: produce, past-date bread and bakery items, past-date canned goods or other food product (within one year of expiration), and other bulk grocery items. You are welcome to stop in and "shop" from these shelves to help supplement your regular groceries. Please take only what your household will consume, and **bring your own bags**. The Food Bank will not provide bags. All free product is "take at your own risk."

KID BAG PROGRAM

The State College Food Bank provides an extra bag of food for each school-aged child in the summer months of June through August and in December (while supplies last). The bags include items such as: peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned fruit, pasta, cereal, fresh carrots, and milk. Items included in Kid Bags may vary.



HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTIONS

The Food Bank provides two holiday distributions in addition to the regular monthly food distributions in November and December. Special holiday distributions are given to clients during regular grocery distribution hours. Items included in holiday distributions may vary.

