

UMass Dining

UMass is committed to helping with your food security needs. The campus, as a community, believes no student should go hungry. In addition to immediate access to some meals, a network of support resources is available.

As part of our commitment to student success, the UMass Amherst Undergraduate Student Meal Plan Scholarship Program seeks to provide emergency support to matriculated undergraduate students in good standing for unexpected emergencies, hardship, and/or unforeseen personal/family emergencies.

Scholarships, made possible through the generous donations from the UMass Amherst community, are on an application basis. Students applying for the scholarship are eligible to receive awards in meal swipes/ dining access. A student may be awarded only once per academic year.

The meal plan scholarship program is an emergency supplement designed to assist current meal plan students facing food insecurity. The meal plan scholarship is not a cash award and is not tied to financial aid or grants.

To apply for a meal support, students must complete a Meal Plan Scholarship Application. Applications can be found on the following website <https://umassdining.com/>.

- Provide all requested information, sign, and date the application
- Drop-off application to the Meal Plan Office located on the 3rd floor of Worcester Dining Commons or email the completed application with supporting documentation to Brandy Sullivan basullivan@umass.edu.
- Tips on application process:
 - Assure your application is completed
 - Explain the need clearly and how the grant will resolve the described financial emergency
 - Provide supporting documentation—if requested

Applications are subject to review and in some case could be denied; some possible reasons:

- The student is not an active undergraduate student according to enrollment information.
- The student's Bursar bill is unpaid, or the student is delinquent in a payment plan.
- The student has other holds in their SPIRE account, which prevents enrollment or the Add/Drop of classes.
- Student does not have an active meal plan or has a plan with more than 10 meal swipes remaining
- Insufficient funds available in the fund.

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided on this application is true:

Applicant Name _____ (please print/type)

Applicant Signature: _____ (please sign) Date: _____

Completed applications should be submitted to the Meal Plan Office located on the 3rd floor of Worcester DC. If you have additional questions, please contact Brandy Sullivan, UMass Dining Meal Plan Manager basullivan@umass.edu or 413-545-5380.

If you have any questions about the full network of support at UMass you can call the Dean of Students Office at (413) 545-2684 or visit the single stop resource page <https://www.umass.edu/studentlife/single-stop>.