

Commodity Supplemental Food Program



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What is CSFP?

The [Commodity Supplemental Food Program](#) (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

CSFP is administered at the Federal level by the [Food and Nutrition Service](#) (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Through CSFP, USDA distributes both food and administrative funds to participating States and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs). CSFP food packages do not provide a complete diet, but rather are good sources of the nutrients typically lacking in the diets of the target population. An average of more than 579,000 people each month participated in the program in fiscal year 2013.

How does the program operate?

The Hawaii State Office of Community Services administers the program, orders CSFP food and distributes it to the Hawaii Foodbank. The Foodbank stores and packs it for delivery to the public through a network of local agencies.

Local agencies determine the eligibility of applicants, distribute the foods and provide nutrition education. Local agencies can also provide referrals to other welfare, nutrition, and healthcare programs such as WIC, SNAP, Medicaid and Medicare.

What are the requirements to get food through CSFP?

- Complete an application each year and re-certify every 6 months
- Applications will be collected at any time. Once maximum caseload is met, a continuous waitlist will be maintained at each site.
- Participants must be at least 60 years of age and show a photo ID confirming age and residence.
- CSFP participants must reside on Oahu.

- Income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

	Annual income	Monthly income
Persons in Household	130.0%	130.0%
1	17,615.00	1,467.92
2	23,829.00	1,985.75
3	30,043.00	2,503.58
4	36,257.00	3,021.42
5	42,471.00	3,539.25
6	48,685.00	4,057.08
7	54,899.00	4,574.92
8	61,113.00	5,092.75
Additional	6,214.00	517.83

What foods are provided to participants?

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry milk and/or ultra-high temperature fluid milk, juice, ready-to-eat cereal, rice or pasta, peanut butter or dry beans, cheese, canned meat, poultry, or fish and canned fruits and vegetables. Nutrition information will be provided with each box.

Food packages are HEAVY. The average weight of the food box is 32 pounds. It is recommended to bring your own carts with wheels or a proxy may be designated.

Where do I go to qualify and sign up?

Applications will be available starting mid-March. You will pick up your foodbox at the same place you turn in your application.

Once you are qualified, you will be eligible to receive a food box once a month for 6 months. You will be asked if you want to be recertified for the remaining 6 months. You must reapply every year.

Seniors can go to the nearest location to provide documentation to prove eligibility:

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- **Kokua Kalihi Valley Elderly Services (Kalihi)**
1846 Gulick Ave.
- **Kokua Kalihi Valley Elderly Services (Kalihi)**
at Kuhio Park Terrace Community Center
- **Hale Ola Ho'opakolea (Nanakuli)**
89-137 Nanakuli Ave.
- **Dynamic Compassion (Waimanalo)**
At Waimanalo District Park
41-415 Hihimanu St.
- **Sts. Peter & Paul Church (across Don Quijote)**
800 Kaheka Street
- **Waipahu United Church of Christ (Waipahu)**
94-330 Mokuola St.

you miss three months, you may be disqualified from the program.

Who should I contact for more information about CSFP?

For more information about this program, contact

Hawaii Foodbank
2611 Kilihau St. Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 836-3600x238

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Where and when do I go to get my food box?

Every month, you will need to pick up your food box at the **same place** where you signed up. The site where you submitted your application will tell you the date(s) and time(s) of when to pick up your box. Recipients cannot receive more than one food box per month. When receiving CSFP food, the participant or proxy must sign to acknowledge receipt of the food. Proxies may sign for no more than 3 nonfamily members.

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If I move, can I still get a food box?

Yes, you have 10 days to notify Hawaii Foodbank of any changes to your residency location, household size or income. You may be reassigned to a new distribution site.

What if I miss my pick up date?

Call Hawaii Foodbank or the site where you signed up. You may have up to one week to pick up your box. If