

Do you know a student facing food insecurity?

This program helps elevate student food security by providing free meals at the Bear's Den to WLU students facing barriers accessing enough food.



Meal Card Details

- This is thanks to a partnership with **Elior Dining Services**, who donates meals every semester, so that the meals are available.
- Meal Cards can be given out by faculty or staff to a student they believe does not have adequate access to food
- Meal Cards expire at the end of the Spring semester
- Cards may be used at the Bear's Den only

How do I get cards for a student in need?

- Cards will be available through the following offices. Any faculty or staff member can refer a student to those areas.
 - Offices with the meal cards include:
 - Counseling Services (Student Union- 2nd Floor- S14)
 - Health Services (Shaw Hall- 019)
 - Campus Police (Shaw Hall)
 - Housing & Residence Life (Rogers Hall)
 - Financial Aid (Shaw Hall)
 - Campus Ministry (Interfaith Chapel)
 - Student Success Center (Elbin Library)

OR

- Faculty or staff can request food cards through the Office of Student Life (or any above) for them to give directly to a student.

WHY DO STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY ?

There are various reasons why students experience hunger. Below are some factors that contribute to food insecurity.

- Parents of students attending higher education can no longer contribute financially due to the economic downturn.
- Undergraduate financial aid loans do not cover tuition or living expenses.
- Graduate students are unable to attain enough financial aid or grants
- If students do have employment, they may be waiting on their next paycheck to be able to afford expenses.
- Students commute to campus and cannot afford lunch during the day.
- Some students are parents and have to support their partner and children.
- Students have emergency medical costs.

