

# Backpack Program



## Program Description

*The Backpack Program provides a bag of nutritious, easy-to-prepare, non-perishable food to low-income school-age children and their families to ensure children receive the nutrition they need over the weekend and school vacations when free school feeding programs do not operate.*

## Product Details

- Rotating weekly menus, including protein, fruit, vegetables, and grain
- Three meals to a family of four
- All purchased food
- Pre-packaged in durable, white plastic bags (9 pounds each)

## Who Qualifies?

### **TARGET: Food Insecure Children and Families**

- Children known to miss meals on the weekends due to a lack of food in the home
- Children identified by community/program partners
- No proof of income required



## Partner Responsibilities

*\*All community partners must be federally tax exempt organization designated to provide social services, school/educational institution, faith-based institution or government/tribal organization.*

### **Responsibilities**

- At least 2 hours and 2 individuals per week, including receiving deliveries and distributing backpacks
- Dedicated, clean and secure storage area
- Refrigeration is not required
- Maintain and submit distribution and inventory records

## To Apply

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