



OSFA Basic Needs

Contact

To learn about other resources available to you, visit our website:

<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/success/basic-needs-resources/>

Questions? Connect with a Basic Needs Assistant through this form:

<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/success/basic-needs-resources/request/>

General Resources

Purposity	<p>https://financialaid.wisc.edu/success/basic-needs-resources/purposity_request/</p> <p>Purposity lets people from the community meet requests once it is posted.. Requests are filled by anonymous donors.</p> <p>Examples of items requested are winter clothing, non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, essential kitchen supplies, and small furniture items.</p>
Badger Caring Closet	<p>https://badgercaringcloset.wordpress.com/how-it-works/</p> <p>A pantry near campus that has some clothing and personal hygiene products that are free to students in need.</p>
St Vincent DePaul Clothing Vouchers	<p>https://svdpmadison.org/program/clothing/</p> <p>This store provides \$50 clothing vouchers that are good to use at any of their Dane County Stores. See their website for more details on eligibility.</p>

Financial Resources

<p>Emergency Support</p>	<p>https://financialaid.wisc.edu/emergencysupport/</p> <p>All students are eligible to apply regardless of whether they filled out FAFSA or not.</p>
<p>DOSO Crises Loan</p>	<p>https://doso.students.wisc.edu/guide/crisis-loans/</p> <p>For students who face unexpected life events or circumstances that cause financial hardship, these loans and grants are typically, under \$500. If they offer a loan it does have to be paid back within 3 months.</p> <p>All students are eligible to apply regardless of whether they filled out FAFSA or not. The loan is based around what the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) is for the student.</p>

Food Resources

<p>The Open Seat</p>	<p>https://kb.wisc.edu/84346</p> <p>Food pantry located at the Student Activity Center 3rd in East Campus Mall. This food pantry also has hygiene products and non-perishable food items.</p>
<p>The Keep Food Pantry</p>	<p>https://www.luthermem.org/food-pantry/</p> <p>Food pantry located at Lutheran Memorial Church on University Ave. This resource can be visited once a week.</p>
<p>Slow Food</p>	<p>https://slowfood-uw.org/?fbclid=IwAR2v8S53jTLnOirJnmmeJcq7nHlhZC6fnqZLrvQTadT4OEVrZFeaVsm87qI</p> <p>Located at The Crossing on University Ave, they serve a couple meals during the week. The program is pay what you can so meals can be \$0</p>
<p>Food Share</p>	<p>https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/</p> <p>Foodshare is a government program that gives cash benefits on a card that can be used for groceries.</p>

Health Resources

Covering Wisconsin	<p>https://coveringwi.org/</p> <p>Covering Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization that helps people in Wisconsin find and use health insurance.</p>
SHIP Health Insurance	<p>https://www.uhs.wisc.edu/ship/</p> <p>UW-Madison student health insurance plan</p>
Badgercare	<p>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/index.htm</p> <p>This is a health insurance program that covers low-income Wisconsin residents.</p> <p>Badgercare is the most affordable option, but it does have requirements for if you are eligible for it based on income.</p>
University Health Services (UHS)	<p>https://www.uhs.wisc.edu</p> <p>UHS provides medical and mental health services for UW-Madison students and members of the SHIP program.</p>

Technology Resources

Computer Lending Program	<p>https://it.wisc.edu/services/computer-lending-program/</p> <p>DoIT Help Desk provides semester-long laptop and week-long hot spot modem loans to eligible faculty, staff, and students.</p> <p>Must be an active student, staff, or faculty member with a valid UW-Madison NetID and Wiscard.</p>
Equipment Checkout From UW Libraries	<p>https://www.library.wisc.edu/college/services-at-college/equipment/</p> <p>The UW Libraries have options to checkout ipads, video cameras, audio recorders, and projectors for a week at a time.</p>