

# how to support low-income college students

There is a significant gap in graduation rates between low-income and high-income students. The following are ways you can help increase graduation rates for low-income students:

1. **Donate to Scholarship Funds:** Contributing to scholarship funds can help make college more affordable for low-income students.
2. **Advocate for Policy Changes:** Advocate for policy changes that support access to higher education, such as increasing funding for need-based financial aid and expanding access to government food assistance programs like SNAP.
3. **Support Student Loan Forgiveness:** Support legislative efforts that aim to provide student loan forgiveness. This can include contacting elected officials to express support for relevant legislation, or organizing events and rallies in support of these efforts.
4. **Mentorship:** Offer mentorship to low-income college students, to help them navigate the challenges of college and provide guidance and support.
5. **Donate to Campus Food Pantries:** Many colleges and universities have on-campus food pantries that provide free food to students in need. Consider donating non-perishable food items, or making a monetary donation to support these pantries.

**If you are a hungry college student, you can search for community resources using the [211.org](https://www.211.org) website.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly half of all college students in the United States experience food insecurity at some point during their college career. Food insecurity can negatively impact a student's academic performance, health, and overall well-being, making it an urgent issue that requires attention and action.

