OHSU’s Student Health Advisory Committee’s Affordable and Nutritious Food Resource Guide

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Why this resource guide?

Access to nutritious and affordable food is important. It is the fuel that allows us to do the amazing work we do here at OHSU. We recognize that there can be many barriers to accomplishing this. This guide is meant to be an entry point for identifying places to purchase food in and around campus, areas to store and heat food, and referral information to assist you in accessing available community resources. Have suggestions on how to improve this guide? Send an email to askJBThealth@ohsu.edu.

OHSU Cafes on Campus:
Other Hospital-Affiliated Food Options on Campus:

Shriners Hospital for Children Cafeteria
This is a great spot for low-cost, nutritious food.  
https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/Locations/portland/Patients-and-Families/Food-Services

Veterans Administration Hospital Cafeteria
Another good spot for low cost food.  
https://www.portland.va.gov/visitors/canteen.asp

Restaurants On or Near Campus

Marquam Hill
OHSU Farmer’s Market is open June-September, 10am-2pm in the space outside MacKenzie Hall.

South Waterfront
Check out the South Waterfront Community Relations retail page for information about restaurants on the South Waterfront.  http://www.southwaterfront.com/

South Waterfront Farmers Market is open June-October, 2pm-7pm in the Elizabeth Caruthers Park.

Vending Machines

Marquam Hill:
There are three Canteen machines on campus that offer traditional snacks as well healthful and organic snacks located in Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, Richard Jones Hall and Vollum Institute. Read more here:  https://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/student-life/upload/Vending-Machine-Website-Info-2.pdf
Other OHSU locations:


VA:

There are also vending machines with healthier options on the 2nd floor, next to the sky bridge for cold beverages and snacks as well as in Building 100, Room 1D-141 (outside the Food Court) available 24 hours-a-day with hot and cold beverages, food items, snacks, water.

**Microwaves and Refrigerator Locations:**

**Marquam Hill:**

**School of Nursing Student Lounge**
This is a coded space located on the South Wing 3rd floor, around the corner from classrooms 358/364. The Student Lounge has a fridge, microwaves, kitchen sink, and vending machines with healthier choices for snacks. The vending machine take credit cards, cash, and coins. Please contact your SON administrator for the code.

**Veterans Administration Hospital**
There is a microwave available 24 hours-a-day in Building 100, Room 1D-141 (outside the Food Court).

**The Student Center**
There is a microwave in the Nucleus lounge. Open 6am-10pm.

**The Old Synapse Café**
The café is closed but there is a microwave still there.

**Sam Jackson Hall**
This space is intended to serve medical students and SON midwifery students on call during their clinical experience curriculum. Located in the 4200 Medical Student Call Room and has one refrigerator and one microwave.

**South Waterfront:**
CLSB Student Lounge
This is a coded space open to all OHSU students and has microwaves, refrigerators, and coffee makers.

Where to Find Good Deals

Elephants Deli at CLSB
Sells their hot food and expiring sandwiches at 50% off after 6pm each evening.

Portland Area Grocery Stores
Here is the lowdown on local area grocery stores: (ranked $-$$$$)

- Fred Meyer's - locals call it Freddy's (in other cities: Kroger, Ralph's, Fry's, King Soopers) - has everything food wise you could ever need ($)
- WinCo - cheap and great for dried/bulk goods and stocking up ($)
- Safeway/Albertsons - Safeway downtown is convenient from the South Waterfront ($)
- Trader Joe's - great pre-made lunches/dinners both frozen and fresh, great wine ($$)
- Folks Urban Market (right by the streetcar) - it's your typical grocery store ($$)
- Zupan's - there are a couple downtown ($$$)
- New Seasons - very similar to Whole Foods but local ($$$)
- Whole Foods – many organic choices ($$$)

Online Options for More Affordable Food

Imperfect Produce. Fruits and veggies for 30-50% less than grocery stores, delivered to your door. [https://www.imperfectproduce.com/](https://www.imperfectproduce.com/)

Local Food Support Services in Portland

Being a student can often mean stretching an already tight budget. We also recognize that not getting nutritional needs met can have a significant impact on academic achievement. There are local, community resources that you and your family may be eligible for. We encourage you to check out these resources.

Oregon Food Bank
Check out the Food Finder app on their website: A searchable list of agencies providing free food, meals and groceries, food pantries and food services.
https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/find-help/find-food/

Portland State University Harvest Share

Harvest Share is a free market that brings FREE fresh vegetables and fruit to the SW Park Blocks the second Monday of the month at noon, rain or shine, first-come/first served. This is open to the greater PSU community which includes OHSU students.
https://www.pdx.edu/student-access-center/harvest-share-free-market

Additional resources for joint PSU-OHSU students: https://www.pdx.edu/student-access-center/

211 Info: Food Assistance.

Dial 211, text your zip code to 898211 or email help@211info.org to find out more information about food programs in your neighborhood http://211info.org/food/

WIC: Women, Infants, and Children

Check their website for a pre-screening tool to find out if you may be eligible.

Oregon Department of Human Services:

http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/Pages/index.aspx

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Check out the eligibility tool to find out if you may qualify. http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/Eligibility-Apply.aspx

There is a separate list of criteria for students of higher education seeking SNAP benefits. http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/Student-Eligibility.aspx

http://www.clasp.org/resources-and-publications/publication-1/SNAP-for-College-Students-1.pdf

Oregon Farmers Markets match SNAP benefits. Check to see if your neighborhood farmers market matches your SNAP benefit. https://oregonhunger.org/farmers-markets-snap

Multnomah County Child Hunger Coalition
Check out their interactive map of food access-related resources including information about community gardens and farmers markets.
http://multco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6f41add90d0e42b8a6d7f85a1abc0d6

**The Oregon Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

SFSP provides nutritious meals to children during the summer. Children who normally receive free or reduced price meals when school is in session are eligible. These meals are often linked to free, fun, outdoor summer activities.
https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1748

**Benefits.gov**

A central location to help you determine eligibility for government benefits including health insurance, energy assistance, childcare assistance, as well as many other local resources.

**OHSU Student Debt Counseling and Management**

There are resources at OHSU to assist you in better understanding your particular financial challenges and to help with educational debt planning and budgeting.

**Resources for cooking on a tight budget**

Leanne Brown’s *Good and Cheap. Eat Well on $4/Day*. Download the PDF for free.
https://www.leannebrown.com/cookbooks/