

Food

CalFresh/SNAP Benefits - up to \$234 per month for groceries and nutritional needs. Fellow stipend should not be counted towards their income limit, and in most cases should qualify for the full benefit. Many private companies and nonprofit organizations use CalFresh Eligibility in determining eligibility for their financial assistance/reduced price programs. For example: Amazon Prime, the YMCA, Xfinity Internet Essentials, all have financial assistance/reduced price programs that many CalFresh/SNAP recipients may automatically qualify for.

Toogoodtogo – Food waste app offers users the opportunity to purchase available surpluses at local bakeries, markets, and restaurants at a major discount. Prepared meals and produce are both available for purchase, with most packages priced between \$3 to \$6.

Olio – Free food sharing app. Connects people to local community members and neighbors sharing free food.

Market Match (CUESA) – Bay Area-based farmer's market program providing EBT beneficiaries a \$10 match, which can be used towards farm-fresh foods. See www.marketmatch.org for more information.

Health and Wellness

JusticeCorps Healthcare Coverage (**Fellows Only**) – Free health insurance and childcare benefits

Member Assistance Program (AllOneHealth) – Confidential program providing members and their households access to free counseling services, legal and financial consultations, and other resources.

YMCA Membership for All Program – up to 65% reduced membership fee. Members have access to every participating YMCA program and branch in the US, including gyms and aquatic centers/pools.

khealth – telehealth app, \$23 per visit or \$12 a month for unlimited visits

Budgeting/Financial Wellness

Please refer to this [tipsheet](#) for more information on budgeting and financial tools.

Wally - free finance app to automatically track all your accounts, spending, and budgets.

Mint – free online personal finance tool that allows you to track your spending and helps you make a budget.

Transportation/Parking

SpotAngels – Parking app that maps out free street parking, price comparison for parking garages and meters. Available in most cities.

Gasbuddy – App that maps out gas prices near you. Allows you to sort by price, distance and filter by company or brand.

Groupon – A discount voucher app. You can often save on car maintenance costs by finding local autoshops offering discounted “oil changes, tire rotations, smog checks”. It is always a good idea to review the shop’s yelp ratings or google ratings when considering their services.

Clipper START Program – Income-based* pilot program providing single-ride public transit fare discounts (20-50%). Discount applies to many SF Bay Area transit agencies including: Caltrain, MUNI, AC Transit, BART, Marin Transit, SamTrans, San Francisco Bay Ferry, and many more.

*On 8/20/21 JJ spoke with START Program Support Staff, and they clarified that fellow stipend should not count towards income, and fellows can qualify with proof of CalFresh eligibility. Clipper START Pilot Program may sunset or be considered for renewal on January 2022.

Entertainment

MuseumsforAll Program – Provides free or significantly reduced admission to more than 700 museums. See museumsforall.org for more information

FunCheapSF – Bay Area-based website and guide providing regular updates and recommendations to local cheap and often free events.

Kanopy – On-demand streaming app for public libraries and universities. Offer free access to films and documentaries.

Locast – Non-profit streaming app that allows users to view live streams of local television stations

Tubi – Free on-demand streaming app

Used Furniture, Electronics, Housewares, Clothes, Books, etc.

Urban Ore – massive salvage yard/warehouse in Berkeley, CA with every household item you can imagine.

Scrap SF – art supplies, and creative reuse depot based in San Francisco.

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse – non profit agency/creative reuse depot that collects art supplies and materials and redistributes them to community at low cost.

Notable Mentions:

Xfinity Internet Essentials – Program providing high-speed internet at a low-cost (\$9.95 monthly) to eligible recipients of CalFresh/SNAP program

ebay.com – used goods marketplace

shopgoodwill.com – used goods marketplace

estatesales.net – used goods marketplace, estate sale finder

craigslist.com – local used goods marketplace

offerup – app, local used goods marketplace

mercari – app, used goods marketplace

ibotta – cashback app for in-person purchases

befrugal – cashback app

rakuten – cashback app

localflavor – discount voucher app, very similar togroupon