

Swipe it forward

Feeding America's 2014 Hunger in America report estimated that roughly 10% of its 46.5 million adult clients are currently students, including about two million people who are attending school full-time. Nearly one-third of those surveyed—30.5%—report that they've had to choose between paying for food and covering educational expenses at some point in the last year.

At RISD, there are many reasons that a student may be caught in a situation that they need a meal and do not have the means to get it.

Swipe it Forward is a temporary assistance program that allows campus partners (Office of the Dean of Students, Center for Student Involvement, Residential Life, Counseling & Psychological Services, Health Services, Public Safety, Dual Degree Coordinator and Student Financial Services) to provide short term meal assistance to students in need.

Campus partners are able to access meals that have been donated by RISD students on meal plan. Each student can donate one guest meal per semester. To donate, a student requests a Donation Form from a cashier, fills out the form and returns it to the cashier.

Dining Services is excited to facilitate this program that supports our community through awareness and making a healthy meal available to those in need.