# **Food for the Pack -** Ensuring Every Member of Arkansas State University's Campus Has Equal Access to Food

#### **Abstract:**

The goal of raise awareness of Student hunger on the campus of Arkansas State University. To campaign for donations for the students to have stable access to food. I will set up a food drive for those on campus who cannot afford to provide their own food. They will not suffer from hunger and have it tear away at their health, wellbeing, and success at A-State. Every member of campus will feel at ease with the knowledge that they do not have to go hungry. They will be well fed, and thus able to focus on their success in academics, research, athletics, and whatever else they may be at Arkansas State University for.

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## Introduction:

This project seeks to alleviate some of the pressure felt by students on A-State's campus concerning hunger. Students either don't have access to a stable food source or they do not know what healthy food is. This project will open a community managed food bank that will be centered around helping them out. There will be an initial survey that finds out student need and who will help with the project.



Nationwide, 39% of students at a four-year university are suffering from hunger. Specifically at Arkansas State University, that would mean 5,417 out of 13,891 students are suffering from hunger.



## **Materials and Methods:**

I researched other universities that also found solutions to student hunger and used their failures and success to implement a plan to help A-State excel. They typically opened a food bank and campaigned it to all of the students, but some had a survey that increased student interest. The survey will be a great way to see who is interested and get the word out about the food bank.

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## **Results and Discussion:**

The overall solution will be a food bank that is open to everyone on campus. This is practical because it is a real-world solution to a real-world problem that is solvable with enough help. I will campaign for donations from local businesses around Jonesboro and from individuals on campus, as well as in the community of Jonesboro. I will discuss with the student outreach organization, in addition to several professors and faculty of campus to find out where a good location for a food bank would be. Once this has been determined, I will direct the donations to that area and set up a food bank there.