

WAC 388-400-0050 If I am not eligible for federal benefits through Washington Basic Food program because of my alien status, can I receive benefits through the state-funded food assistance program?

(1) If you are not eligible for federally funded Basic Food benefits solely because you do not meet the alien status requirements under WAC 388-424-0020, you may be eligible for the state-funded food assistance program (FAP) if you meet both of the following requirements:

(a) You are a Washington state resident; and

(b) You meet the alien status requirements under WAC 388-424-0030.

(2) FAP follows the same eligibility rules as federally funded Basic Food except for rules related to alien status. A summary of the rules for Basic Food is found in WAC 388-400-0040.

(3) Benefits for FAP are set by the biennial state operating budget as described in RCW 74.08A.120(3). These benefits are calculated as described in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(4) If your assistance unit (AU) includes both people who are eligible for federally funded Basic Food benefits and people who are eligible for state-funded FAP benefits, we determine the amount of your federal and state food benefits by applying the following process:

(a) We calculate your AU's monthly benefits under WAC 388-450-0162 **as if** all the eligible persons in your AU could receive federally funded Basic Food benefits; and

(b) We then calculate your AU's monthly benefits under WAC 388-450-0162 for only the people in your AU **who are** eligible for federally funded benefits.

If (a) is more than (b)	If (b) is more than (a)
Your AU receives: • Basic Food benefits in the amount calculated using step (b); and • FAP benefits equal to the difference between (a) and (b), rounded down to the next whole dollar.	Your AU receives Basic Food benefits in the amount calculated using step (b).

(5) If your AU only includes persons eligible for FAP, we determine the amount of your state-funded FAP benefits by:

(a) Applying the calculation for Basic Food under WAC 388-450-0162 **as if** all the persons in your AU were eligible to receive Basic Food; and

(b) Issuing FAP benefits to your AU equal to the amount calculated in subsection (5) (a), rounded down to the next whole dollar.

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