## **Quick Facts**

- You have the opportunity to change your meal plan in July and again in November to ensure it is the best fit for you.
- Meal plan funds will roll over from Fall to Spring semester and any accumulated funds will expire at the end of each spring semester.
- Almost half of enrolled students are food insecure, meaning they do not have consistent access to daily meals.
- Students who are food insecure tend to suffer academically as a result.
- While off campus students do not have access to a meal plan or this meal plan program, they do have access to the Food Pantry which is offered every 3rd Friday of the month
- For other forms of financial insecurity, contact your campus Administrators.





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Donate Meals to Your Peers Using Excess Meal Plan \$ Dining has made adjustments to the on campus Meal Plan to help alleviate the accumulation of funds, but with any blanketed Meal Plan program, we will not be able to account for the eating habits of everyone and there may be some accumulation of funds.

**D**ue to student demand, we offer this meal donation program to allow on campus students to donate excess funds to their on campus peers for those who have ran out of funds.

Program funds will be held in a Catcard account and those in need can access an online portal to confidentially request funds to be able to use in any Dining location.



## **How to Give**

- Go to the website:
  icatcard.ucmerced.edu/icare
- Log onto CAS portal using UCM Net ID and Password
- 3. Click DONATE NOW
- 4. Select how many meals you would like to donate based on a \$18/day calculation equals (3 meals)
- 5. Click Donate



## **Qualifications**

To donate you must:

- Have an active meal plan
- Have enough funds for yourself to last semester

# **How to Request**

If you have an active meal plan and have used up all of your Residential Dining Dollars and Cat Dollars, you can go to the online portal to request funds. Approval will be subject to availability of donations. Go to the website:

icatcard.ucmerced.edu/icare

#### **Contact Us**

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