

Join the Arkansas Foodbank in the Fight Against Hunger



The Arkansas Foodbank seeks agency partners comprising food pantries, meal programs, shelters, schools, college campuses, afterschool programs, and senior centers dedicated to serving their communities directly. When evaluating potential partners, we consider various factors, such as the presence and proximity of existing food pantries, proposed distribution schedules, and the potential to offer unique services.

If you're considering partnership with the Arkansas Foodbank, we encourage prospective partners to consult our Find A Pantry module at www.arkansasfoodbank.org/locations to ensure the area isn't already served by existing members. If there is already a pantry in the area, we encourage a collaboration of resources instead of duplication. If not, please review the following requirements:

- Valid 501(c)3 status or qualification as a church under IRS code. (See example: [Church Qualifier form.](#))
- Strong clerical and organizational capabilities, including monthly reporting in compliance with Feeding America & Arkansas Foodbank standards.
- Ability and willingness to follow compliance standards including tracking client information, completing monthly reports, participating in regular training, monitoring, & site visits.
- Infrastructure for maintaining food quality from Arkansas Foodbank. (Provide brief explanation)
- Business phone and email that are reliable and checked at least every 2 - 3 days for communication with the Arkansas Foodbank and the public.
- Willingness to participate in the FindFood initiative by being available to the public to answer questions regarding food distribution.
- Basic IT security standards.
- Commitment to use all Arkansas Foodbank products for donations only.
- Other sources of food to ensure independence and sustainability in distribution.
- Two members willing to undergo cross-training in all Arkansas Foodbank requirements, including succession planning.
- Openness to collaboration with various community stakeholders, including non-profits, government departments, donors, and other service providers, to maximize impact and address community needs effectively.
- Alignment with [Arkansas Foodbank's mission and values](#), fostering partnership and mutual support.
- Willingness to adhere to basic Civil Rights no discrimination policy and abide by [Feeding America and USDA compliance standards and guidelines](#).
- Willingness to be mentored by established agency partners.

If you wish to pursue partnership with the Arkansas Foodbank and you meet the above requirements, please complete the [Agency Partner Readiness Assessment Form](#).