

Interested in Becoming a Food Bank Member Agency?

1. Inquiring organizations must be a non-profit with a valid and current 501(C)3 from the IRS, or s church, and located in Rhode Island.
2. The organization's food assistance program must be open to the public for a minimum of 3-months prior to membership inquiry.
3. The organization's food program must register and log guest visits.
4. The Food Bank accepts inquiries from "emergency" programs that are open to the public and don't charge fees to program guests. This includes public food pantries, community meal sites or homeless shelters. Food pantries must use the Shopper's Choice food distribution model to be considered for membership.
5. Organizations must have someone on staff certified by the RI Department of Health as a *Certified Food Safety Manager* and have a current RI Department of Health Food Business License for *Food Service Non-Profit* prior to becoming a member.

If your organization meets the criteria above, as determined in a pre-screen interview, we may then move forward with your inquiry.

Please call Elizabeth O'Dea in Agency Services at 401-230-1706 to schedule a pre-screening interview. Next steps and additional information will be provided after the pre-screen interview has been conducted.

- The Food Bank strategically considers and review criteria including program location, days and hours of operation, policies and services.
- We reserve the right not to grant membership to agencies in areas where additional services are not needed according to our network's coverage areas. Partnerships with our existing members will be encouraged for this reason.
- Click on our website's *Get Food* link to see a complete listing of our emergency provider programs.