

# Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

## FOOD SHELF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT 2026

All food shelves participating in the 2026 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign must adhere to the following requirements:

- Is a nonprofit corporation or is affiliated with a nonprofit corporation, maintaining 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.
  - NEW March Campaign participants - Please Provide GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare with a current copy of your 501(c)(3) letter status other proof of tax-exempt status by February 15, 2026
  - If you have submitted a 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt status documentation to Minnesota FoodShare in 2021 or prior, you DO NOT need to submit again, unless your status or associated TIN has changed.
  - **If you are a new food shelf or have not received tax-exempt status, please contact [jstrautman@gmcc.org](mailto:jstrautman@gmcc.org).**
- Is a member food shelf in good standing with your regional food bank (ex. Second Harvest/Feeding America, The Food Group, etc.).
  - Agrees to monitoring requirements of your food bank.
  - Meets the sanitation and storage requirements of your regional food bank.
  - Keeps monthly statistics on the number of children, adults, and seniors served and the pounds distributed, and reports these statistics monthly to your food bank. An individual cannot be counted as having received services unless they have received at least a two-day supply.
  - **If you are not a member of a food shelf, please contact [jstrautman@gmcc.org](mailto:jstrautman@gmcc.org). You may still be eligible to participate in the campaign.**
- Does not charge for or barter food.
- Provides a minimum of 2-day food supply (3 meals per day/per person) to clients with each food order.
- Will report to GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare the number of clients receiving food shelf services during the past year. This number should be duplicated to reflect the number of visits each year.
- Will actively participate in the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign by engaging local community organizations, faith communities, businesses, civic groups, schools, individuals, and media to raise food and dollars for the food shelf.
- Will weigh all food shelf items and count all dollars donated to your food shelf during the March Campaign dates March 1 - April 6, 2026.
- Will report all food and dollars donated to your food shelf during the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. See [reporting guidelines](#) here.
  - Report mid-campaign amounts on 3/15/26
  - Report total cumulative amounts by 4/19/26
- Will use the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign logo in your food and fund drive.
- Will use your Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign allocation check to support the mission and vision of your food shelf.

