



UTMFC ID#

Membership Registration Form

All information given is confidential. The information will **not** be used to determine whether you are eligible to use the food bank, nor will it be used for any other purposes than establishing your membership with the UTM Food Centre.

The UTM Students' Union and the UTM Food Centre hereby commit that personal information presented on this document will not be copied, transferred, or presented to any other organization or body for purposes other than those intended for the UTM Food Centre. Furthermore, the purpose of the Optional Survey attached is merely to know who is being served and an opportunity for users to express their opinion. The Optional Survey will be kept separately without any indication of your identity so that it can be anonymous. All membership registration forms will be destroyed within 5 years of their date, so that after you graduate we will have no records of your membership for your safety.

The information requested in this registration and the subsequent surveys will be compiled to produce anonymous statistics for our annual statistics report on the demographics of our Food Centre. This information is used to increase the awareness about post-secondary student food insecurity, lobby for funding, and provide our staff with a base knowledge of who is using our services so we can best meet their needs.

By signing this form you agree to have your information used in the confidential manners as noted above. By signing this form, you agree to become a member of the UTM Food Centre, where all students become equal members of a community. This means that you are entitled to the following rights and responsibilities:

RIGHTS:

Every member has the right to access the Food Centre and to be treated respectfully regardless of class, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.

Members are entitled to a safe, positive and confidential space when they walk in to the Food Centre or affiliated events.

Members have the right to access good healthy food that suits their dietary and cultural needs. Members have the right to access food that is not expired, used, or with unmaintained packages.

Members have the right to be heard and to bring up concerns with the service without receiving any form of penalty or a restriction of access to the Food Centre and its services.

It is the responsibility of the Food Centre staff and the UTMSU to ensure that the Food Bank has a replenished stock that meets the needs of members. Members should not be pressured to cut down on usage in order to accommodate for stock shortages except in absolute emergencies.

Members should be informed about any changes to the Food Centre structure including policy changes, job opportunities, campaigns, events and committee meetings.

Seeing that the Food Centre is democratic and transparent, members should be allowed to participate in the decision making of the Food Centre through the Food Justice Committee and other UTMSU outlets.

Members are entitled to refuse to participate in any surveys or questionnaires without receiving any penalties.



The Food Centre is required to constantly challenge power structures that are internal and external that may isolate or alienate students who are food insecure.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Food Bank operates on an honesty basis with an open door policy. This means that students do not need to prove their need in order to access the service or become members.

The Food Bank operates as a relief program catered to those who are struggling with financial obligations resulting in food insecurity. As there is a high demand for the service, we ask that students take careful consideration before becoming members.

Members are entitled to privacy when inside the Food Centre office. At any point, feel free to request that the office door gets closed. However, we ask that you respect the privacy of other members and wait outside the door when it is closed. We also have private office hours set up where only the Coordinator will be present.

The Food Centre is an anti-oppressive space, free from all forms of discrimination. By becoming a member you agree to respect all staff, volunteers, members, and guests and avoid participating in any oppressive actions or language.

Not all members are comfortable being associated with the Food Centre or food insecurity. The Food Centre has a strict confidentiality policy and we ask that all members respect the confidentiality of one another.

Member's Name

Member's Signature

Date

Staff's Name

Staff Signature



Mandatory Section

Full Name:		Student Number:	
Preferred Gender Pronouns (Optional):			
E-mail:		Phone number:	
Please make sure your inbox check it weekly			
Please list any dietary restrictions or Allergies:			
Required Accommodations:			
Dependents are people who live with you and who are financially dependent on you.			
Dependents:		Relationship to Dependent	Age (Optional):

Please select one of the following options:

Undergraduate Student

Graduate Student

Not a student

Do you give permission to any other member to pick up on your behalf? Who?

The end of the mandatory membership registration component.

Member's Name

Member's Signature

Staff's Name

Date

Staff's Signature



Optional Section

You are not required to fill out this optional part of the registration. You may refuse to answer any or all of these questions. You will still be allowed to access the service whether or not you choose to fill this out. This short survey is used to collect more detailed statistics that may help us better serve our members and represent them (it also helps us lobby for more funding and better our services). If you choose to fill out this Optional Survey, it will be collected and stored separately from your mandatory registration. It will not have any indicators towards your identity. We aim to keep this section as anonymous as possible. You may skip any of the following question.

Age:	Gender:
Academic Program:	
Are you a mature/ returning/part time student?	
Do you Identify as LGBTQ+?	Are you an International Student?
Do you experience any Physical and/or Mental Health conditions?	
What is your main source of income?	
Do you identify as Indigenous?	
Do you have a full or part time job?	
Do you identify as a racial minority?	
Are you an immigrant or a first generation Canadian?	
What is the main cause of your food insecurity?	
Do you live in a safe, stable and adequate housing?	

Have your health and/or academic standing been influenced by food insecurity?

Please select programs and/or services that you may be interested in. Feel free to ask a coordinator or volunteer to clarify what these programs are. In the "Other" section, please feel free to suggest new services that you would like us to start providing.

Program	Yes or No	Number of hours willing to dedicate
Food Justice Committee		
Community Kitchens		
Campus Food Gardens		
Other:		
Other:		

Would you be interested in volunteering with us? Why or why not?

What services and campaigns would you like to see from us?

How did you feel about this survey?

Thank you very much for completing this survey =)

Staff's Signature

Date

