

2015-2016 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

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Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

Definition of Household Member:
 "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."
 Children in **Foster care** and children who meet the definition of **Homeless, Migrant or Runaway** are eligible for free meals. Read **How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals** for more information.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Child's School	Student?		Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
				Yes	No		
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Check all that apply

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: Food Assistance, TAF, or FDPIR? Circle one: Yes / No

If you answered NO, complete STEP 3. If you answered YES, write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3).

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

Please read **How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals** for more information. The **Sources of Income for Children** section will help you with the **Child Income** question. The **Sources of Income for Adults** section will help you with the **All Adult Household Members** section.

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL gross income earned by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income	How often?			
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often?				Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?			
		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member

Check if no SSN

STEP 4 Contact Information and Adult Signature

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Street Address (if available) Apt. # City State Zip Daytime Phone and Email (optional)

Printed name of adult completing the form Signature of adult completing the form Today's date

OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

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Application Type (check one)

- Total Household Income: \$ _____ Household Size: _____
 Household's Income Frequency – Circle ONE: W BW 2M M Multiple=Yearly
 Food Assistance or TAF or FDPIR
 Foster Child

Application Status

- Approved..... Free OR Reduced Price
 Denied Income over allowed amount Incomplete/missing:
 Notes: _____

Determining Official's Signature:

Approval/Denial Date:

Notification Date:

Processor's Initials:

Confirming Official's Signature (ONLY for applications to be verified):

Review Date:

Income from Self Employment: Self-employed persons may use income tax records for the preceding calendar year as a base to project the current year's net income, unless the current monthly income provides a more accurate measure. Report income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home payments, medical expenses, and other similar non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income. Additional income from other kinds of employment must be treated as separate and apart from the income generated or lost from your business venture. For example, if you operated a business at a net loss, but held additional employment for which a salary was received, the income for purposes of applying for reduced price or free meals would be the income from the salary only. The loss from the business cannot be deducted from a positive income earned in other employment. For purposes of this application, it is not possible to report a negative income from any business venture. The least income possible is zero (no income). The necessary information for arriving at allowable income from private business operation may be taken from your most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return - Form 1040. Add together the amounts reported on the following lines:

- LINE 12 \$ _____ Business Income or (Loss)
- LINE 13 \$ _____ Capital Gain or (Loss)
- LINE 14 \$ _____ Other Gains or (Losses)
- LINE 17 \$ _____ Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.
- LINE 18 \$ _____ Farm Income or (Loss)
- TOTAL \$ _____ Gross Annual Income Before Any Deductions.

Computed Monthly Income \$ _____ Gross Annual Income ÷ 12 = Computed Monthly Income. Report in Step 3.

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Assistance (FA), Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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