

2015-2016

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

PART 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Names of <u>all</u> household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Student ID	Place a check in the box below if child is a foster, homeless, migrant, runaway, or Head Start child. If each child attending school is a foster, homeless, runaway, migrant or in Head Start, skip to part 4 to sign this form.					Place a check in the box if NO income
		Foster	Homeless	Migrant	Runaway	Head Start	

PART 2. BENEFITS

IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES [State SNAP], [FDPIR] OR [State TANF Assistance], PROVIDE THE NAME AND CASE NUMBER FOR THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES BENEFITS AND SKIP TO PART 4. IF NO ONE RECEIVES THESE BENEFITS, SKIP TO PART 3.

NAME: _____ PROGRAM NAME _____ CASE NUMBER: (NOT EBT CARD NUMBER) _____

PART 3. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME (BEFORE DEDUCTIONS). List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received. RECORD EACH INCOME ONLY ONCE.

1. NAME (LIST ONLY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	2. GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED																				
	Earnings from work before deductions.	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Social Security, SSI, VA, retirement benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	All other income (such as unemployment) benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	
<i>(Example) Jane Smith</i>	\$200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				\$150		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			\$0					\$0					
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PART 4. SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form also must list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Statement on the back of this page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. I understand my child's eligibility status may be shared as allowed by law.

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number: *** - * * - ____ I do not have a Social Security Number

The information contained within this application may be shared with other Federal/Local health programs for which your child(ren) may qualify, however your permission is required. This will not affect your eligibility for school meals. May school officials share the information within this application with other programs? No Yes

PART 5. CHILDREN'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)

Choose one ethnicity:

- Hispanic/Latino
 Not Hispanic/Latino

Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity):

- Asian American Indian or Alaska Native Black or African American
 White Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

*******DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY*******

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: _____ Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Reason for denial or withdrawal: _____ **Check if Error Prone Application**

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 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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Date of Contact	Staff Initials	Name of Household Member Contacted	Detailed Information Received

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS ANY CHILD OR ADULT LIVING WITH YOU.

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES BENEFITS FROM [State SNAP], [State TANF], OR [THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)], FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List only household members and the name of each child's school (if known).

Part 2: List the case number for any household member (including adults) receiving [State SNAP],[State TANF], or [FDPIR] benefits.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to [Name of contact] at your school.

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GETS [State SNAP], [State TANF], OR [FDPIR] BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY, OR IN HEAD START FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, in Head Start or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, runaway, head start or migrant coordinator].

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 1. See instructions for All Other Households.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary if you didn't need to fill in Part 3.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to [Name of contact] at your school.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

If all children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all foster children and the school name for each child. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to [Name of contact] at your school.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. Check the box for each foster child. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, in Head Start or a runaway check the appropriate box and if you have questions call **your school**.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 1. See instructions for All Other Households.

Part 4: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to [Name of contact] at your school.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING WIC HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, Head Start, a foster child or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school or appropriate official].

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

- **Section 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
- **Section 2 –**
 - **Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member listed in section 1, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly.
 - **Earnings:** Be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you.
 - **Income received from welfare, child support, and alimony:** List the amount each person received.
 - **Income received from retirement benefits, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran’s benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits:** List the amount each person received.
 - **All Other Income:** List Worker’s Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include benefits from WIC, Federal education and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For **ONLY** the self-employed, under *Earnings from Work*, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2015-2016			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	21,775	1,815	419
2	29,471	2,456	567
3	37,167	3,098	715
4	44,863	3,739	863
5	52,559	4,380	1011
6	60,255	5,022	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455
Each additional person:	+7,696	+642	+148

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Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to [Name of contact] at your school.