

2026-2027 Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

Apply online at

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.	Child's First Name	M I	Child's Last Name	School Name	Grade	Birth Date	Student? Yes No	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
Children in foster care and children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant, or runaway are eligible for free meals. Read <i>How to Apply for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals</i> for more information.							☐	☐	☐
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STEP 2 Do any household members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR?

If No, go to STEP 3. If 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)

Are you unsure what income to include here? Flip the page, and review the charts titled *Sources of Income* for more information.

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children in the household listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income
\$

How Often	
Weekly	Bi-weekly
☐	☐
2x Monthly	
☐	☐

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 he/she does receive income, report gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) 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.

Names 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 Monthly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x 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

X	X	X	X
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Check if No SSN

STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature

Mail Completed Form to: Insert Your School District Mailing Address Here

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 Code

Daytime Phone and E-Mail (Optional)

Printed Name of Adult Signing the Form

Signature of Adult Completing the Form

Today's Date

INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

Sources of Child Income		Sources of Income for Adults	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)	Earnings From Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support
• Earnings from work	• A child has a regular full- or part-time job where he/she earns a salary or wages	• Salary, wages, cash bonuses • NET income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: • Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) • Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing	• Unemployment benefits • Worker's compensation • Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • Cash assistance from state or local government • Alimony payments • Child support payments • Veteran's benefits • Strike benefits
• Social Security —Disability payments —Survivor's benefits	• A child is blind or disabled and receives social security benefits • A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and his/her child receives social security benefits		• Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) • Private pensions or disability benefits • Regular income from trusts or estates • Annuities • Investment income • Earned interest • Rental income • REGULAR cash payments from outside household
• Income from persons OUTSIDE the household	• A friend or extended family member REGULARLY gives a child spending money		
• Income from any other source	• A child receives income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust		

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

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.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotype, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Do not fill out 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 How Often? Annually Bi-Weekly 2 x Month Monthly Household Size

Determining Official's Signature Date Confirming Official's Signature Date

Verifying Official's Signature Date

Eligibility:

Free	Reduced	Denied
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SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced-price meals.

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- ☐ Yes! **I DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with *(Name of Program Specific to Your School)* _____.
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- ☐ Yes! **I DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with *(Name of Program Specific to Your School)* _____.
- ☐ No! **I DO NOT** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application.

If you checked **Yes** to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the children listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you can call *(Name)* _____ at *(Phone)* _____
or e-mail _____.

Return this form to: *(Address)* _____

by *(Date)* _____.