2026-2027 Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals or Free Milk

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

☐ New Applicant ☐ Previous Applicant

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 & 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 Name	Age	Write name of child's school, or "not in school"	If a student, write in the grade	Check all that apply: Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
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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 FDPIR? (NOT Medicaid)

If you answered NO > Complete STEPS 3 and 4. If YES > Write your 9-digit SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR 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.

The "**Sources of Income for Children**" chart will help you with the Child Income section.

The "**Sources of Income for Adults**" chart will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

A. Child Income

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

Child income	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
$	○	○	○	○

Child income	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	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 they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) 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? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Farming/ Pensions/ Retirement/Other Income	How often? Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annually
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	○
	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	$	○	○	○	○	○
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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 X

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 (Required) | Today's Date

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	**Example(s)**
• Earnings from work	• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
• Social Security o Disability Payments o Survivor's Benefits	• A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits • A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
• Income from person outside the household	• A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
• Income from any other source	• A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults		
Earnings from Work	**Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support**	**Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income**
• 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 (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

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic

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

Civil Rights: Information if you have a complaint

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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mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
fax: (202) 690-7442; or
email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Do not convert if only one income frequency reported. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Bi - Weekly x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12.

Total income:

How Often?

Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2xMonth	Monthly	Annual

Household Size:

Categorical Free Eligibility: (Select 1)

Foster	Homeless	Runaway	Migrant	SNAP/TANF /FDPIR

Income Eligibility: (Select 1)

Free	Reduced	Denied

Determining Official's Signature | Date

Confirming Official's Signature | Date

Verifying Official's Signature | Date

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Effective from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

The income scales below are to be used to determine applicants' eligibility for free or reduced-price meals if the family is at or below the guideline.

	Weekly Income **X 52** = Annually		Biweekly Income **X 26** = Annually		2 x Month Income **X 24** = Annually		Monthly Income **X 12** = Annually		Annually	
Household Size	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	$399	$568	$798	$1,136	$865	$1,231	$1,729	$2,461	$20,748	$29,526
2	$541	$770	$1,082	$1,540	$1,173	$1,669	$2,345	$3,337	$28,132	$40,034
3	$683	$972	$1,366	$1,944	$1,480	$2,106	$2,960	$4,212	$35,516	$50,542
4	$825	$1,175	$1,650	$2,349	$1,788	$2,544	$3,575	$5,088	$42,900	$61,050
5	$967	$1,377	$1,934	$2,753	$2,096	$2,982	$4,191	$5,964	$50,284	$71,558
6	$1,109	$1,579	$2,218	$3,157	$2,403	$3,420	$4,806	$6,839	$57,668	$82,066
7	$1,251	$1,781	$2,502	$3,561	$2,711	$3,858	$5,421	$7,715	$65,052	$92,574
8	$1,393	$1,983	$2,786	$3,965	$3,019	$4,296	$6,037	$8,591	$72,436	$103,082
For each additional family member, add	$142	$203	$284	$405	$308	$438	$616	$876	$7,384	$10,508

INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS:

When making a determination, the frequency of the current income is compared to the respective income eligibility guidelines (IEG) scale above. For example, weekly income is compared to the weekly scale above. **Use the following procedures:**

- If a household has only one income source, or if all sources are the same frequency, do not use conversion factors. Compare the income or the sum of the incomes to the published IEG for appropriate frequency and household size to make the eligibility determination.
- If a household reports income sources at more than one frequency, bring all income to annual by multiplying weekly income by 52, income received every 2 weeks by 26, income received twice a month by 24, and income received monthly by 12.
    - ***Do not round the values resulting from each conversion.***
    - Add the sources of income together and compare to the scale above.

Instructions for farm/self-employed people are included in parent letter and the guidance for completing the application.

The agency should verify all questionable applications.

These guidelines are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines annually.

Families must apply for meal benefits each year.