SY 2024 HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Complete one application per household for all children. A household is a person(s) living together that shares income and expenses, even if not related.

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TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE:
STEP 4: ADULT SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (required)
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 receip
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, an may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.
Signature of Adult: Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: I do not have a Social Security Number: Last 4 Digits of So
Printed Name: Phone: Email:
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* FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY *
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Your ap	pplication for free or reduced price meals for your chi Approved for applicable programs listed below (ch ☐ Free Lunches ☐ Free Breakfasts ☐ Free After School Snacks		at \$ 00.00 per meal
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STEP 1: STUDENT INFORMATION:

- (a) List all students living in the household
- (b) Include the name of the school they attend (if known)
- (c) If the student is a Foster, Homeless or Migrant child, check the applicable box.
- (d) Foster, migrant, homeless, and runaway children, and children enrolled in a Head Start program are categorically eligible for free meals. If you are completing an application for these children, contact the school for more information.
- (e) If the student is a Foster child, their foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the form in step 4. You do not have to list a social security number.
- (f) Foster children should be included as a household member. This may help other household members qualify for benefits.

STEP 2: ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- (a) If any member of the household currently participates in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, provide the case number and name of the person receiving these benefits. Skip step 3. An adult household member must sign the form in Step 4 but does not have to list a social security number.
- (b) If no one in the household participated in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, proceed to step 3.

STEP 3: HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

- (a) Write the names of <u>each</u> person living in your household including yourself and the students listed in step 1. A household is a person(s) living together that shares income and expenses, even if not related.
- (b) Write the amount of gross income each person receives before taxes and other deductions. Each income amount should be entered in the appropriate column.
- (c) Check the box for how often each income is received.
- (d) If self-employed, write the amount of income the person earns from self-employment; for example, income from being a family day care home provider, or operating a farm. Please call the school if you need help.
- (e) Entering \$0 or leaving any income field blank is a positive indication there is no income to report.
- (f) Report total household size. This number must equal the number of household members listed in section 3.

STEP 4: ADULT SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

The form **must** have the **signature** of an adult household member.

(a) The adult household member who signs must include the **last four digits of his/her social security number**. *If he/she does not have a social security number, check the appropriate box.* A social security number is not needed if you listed a SNAP or TANF case number or if you are applying for a foster child.

STEP 5: *Optional* - **CHILDREN'S ETHNIC and RACIAL IDENTITIES**: You are not required to answer this question, but completion of this information will help ensure everyone is treated fairly.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony Received	Pensions/Retirement/Social Security & Other Income
-Salary, wages, cash bonuses	-Unemployment benefits	-Social Security (including railroad retirement
-Net income from self-employment (farm or	-Worker's compensation	and black lung benefits
business)	-Social Security Income (SSI)	-Private pensions or disability benefits
	-Cash assistance from State or local government	-Regular income from trusts or estates
If you are in the military:	-Alimony payments	-Annuities-Investment income
-Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include	-Child support payments	-Earned interest
combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing	-Veteran's benefits	-Rental income
allowances)	-Strike benefits	-Regular cash payments from outside household
Allowances for off-base housing, food and		
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