



Free and Reduced-Price School Meals



State and Federally Funded Programs for Schools

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APPLICATION for EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

School Year 2004-05

- 1. Check here if this is the first school meal application for any child listed below.
2. Check one box: I have listed below all children in the household, from birth through high school, except foster children.
I have listed below a foster child in my care (who is the legal responsibility of a social services agency or court). Complete a separate application for each foster child.

Table with 8 columns: Names of All Children In Household, Gender, Date of Birth, Student ID, Grade, School, MFIP Number or Food Stamp Number, SSI or Other Regular Income to Child. Includes rows 1-6 for child data entry.

- 3. List all adults in the household and all incomes received last month. Skip this section only if all children applying for school meal benefits in the previous section have MFIP or Food Stamp or FDPIR numbers, or if this application is for a foster child.

Table with 6 columns: Names of All Adults in Household, Gender, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Monthly Incomes (last month). Includes a 'Please Print Clearly' box and rows 1-4 for adult data entry.

- 4. I certify that this information is true and correct. Because federal and state funds may be paid on the basis of this information, I understand that school and state officials may verify the information, and that deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable laws.

Signature of Adult Household Member (required) (If section 3 is completed, the signer's Social Security number must be written in that section unless the signer has no Social Security number and writes "None" in section 3.)

Date: Address: City Zip Home Phone: Work Phone:

Office Use Only section containing household size, income, and determining official signature fields.

Office Use Only section containing verification dates, response due, and verifying official signature fields.

Social Security Number / Complete Application

The National School Lunch Act requires that unless an MFIP, Food Stamp or FDPIR assistance number is supplied for your child or you are applying for a foster child, the household member signing the application must provide their Social Security number or indicate that they do not have a Social Security number. Provision of a Social Security number is not mandatory, but if a Social Security number is not given, or an indication is not made that the signer does not have such a number, the application cannot be approved. A Social Security number is not required to be provided for other adults and children listed on the application. To be complete, an application based on public assistance must include the child/ren's names, assistance numbers, and signature of an adult household member. A complete application based on household income must include the names of all household members, the amounts of income received by all adult household members, the signature of an adult household member, and the Social Security number of the household member completing the application. A complete application for a foster child must include the child's name, the amount of any income received for the child's personal use and the signature of an adult household member.

Privacy of Information That You Provide on This Form

Information that you provide on this form is private data. The information is used to determine and verify whether children in your household qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. The school and the MN Department of Education may use the information provided on this form in carrying out efforts to verify the correctness of household size and income and public assistance information stated on the application. These verification efforts may be carried out through program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting state agencies such as the MN Departments of Economic Security, Human Services, or Revenue to verify income or current approval for public assistance. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims or legal actions if incorrect information is reported.

The information you provide on this application is not released for any other purpose unless a parent or guardian requests the release in writing.

Privacy of Your Child's Eligibility Status

Your child's eligibility status for school meals (qualified for "free," "reduced-price," or "paid" meals) is private data used by the school to provide the correct school meal benefit to your child. At public school districts, each child's eligibility status is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to the MN Department of Education as required by state law. The MN Department of Education uses this information to (1) administer state and federal programs, (2) calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) judge the quality of the state's educational program.

Federal law allows a school to release a child's meal eligibility status to officials of the following types of programs without household consent: (1) federal education program, (2) state health or education program administered by the school or a state agency, and (3) federal, state, or local nutrition program that has participation requirements similar to the National School Lunch Program. School officials may send information about other programs or benefits that may be of interest to households that have qualified for free or reduced-price school meals. School meal eligibility information is also used for statistical reports, without individual identification.

A child's eligibility status will not be released for any other purpose unless a parent or guardian requests the release in writing.

Civil Rights Survey (voluntary)

- 1. **Ethnicity** (check one): Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino
- 2. **Race** (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

No Child Will Be Discriminated Against Because of Race, Color, National Origin, Age, Gender, or Disability