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Hello,

Another round of Maine's [Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) benefits](#) are coming soon. These food stamp benefits can be used to purchase food in stores, and **families of students that qualify for free and reduced lunch are eligible.**

For up-to-date P_EBT information, including timelines, amounts and how to sign up for them, please go to: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/food-supplement>

If you did not apply for free and reduced meals this year, you still have time to complete the application and qualify for the benefit for the months following your application approval. Please complete the <http://rsu38.schoolunchapp.com> (link) online, or print off the attached form and drop it off at your school office.

If you use the link to complete your application online, please email me at jen_hall@maranacook.com to let me know that you have completed the application so that I can process it and upload your eligibility information to the state database.

2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
*Each Addl person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

If your household income is at or below the limits on the chart to the left, you can qualify for the P-EBT benefit over the summer.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the free and reduced application process. All inquiries related to the P-EBT benefit, including amounts, timelines and eligibility, should be directed to the [Office of Family Independence](#).

Sincerely,

Jen Hall
RSU 38 School Nutrition Director

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SY 2021 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEAL HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

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. You may also apply online at: www.schoollunchapp.com
 Select your State (Maine) and then your School District (RSU 38). Follow the easy to use, step-by-step screens to enter student and household information. Click "Apply" to submit your application for meal benefits!

Step 1: STUDENT INFORMATION: List all students living in the household

<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	Foster Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless/Migrant <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Last Name	Student First Name	School		
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Step 2: BENEFITS Do any members of your household (including you) receive SNAP, TANF or FDPIR assistance? Y / N
 If no > complete Step 3. If yes > provide the case number and name of the person receiving these benefits. Do not complete step 3.

Name: _____
SNAP or TANF Number Letter

Step 3: INCOME List all Household Members. Include yourself & students listed above. List gross income for each person.

Names	Gross Income (before deductions)														
	Earnings from Work before deductions	Weekly	Every 2 weeks	2 times/month	Monthly	Welfare, Child Support, Alimony received	Weekly	Every 2 weeks	2 times/month	Monthly	Pensions, Retirement, Social Security & All Other Income	Weekly	Every 2 weeks	2 times/month	Monthly
Household Member	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Step 4: Required - Adult signature and last four digits of social security number

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.

Signature of Adult: _____ **Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number:** _____ I do not have a Social Security Number
Printed Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____
Address: _____ **Date:** _____

*** 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: _____ Household Size: _____ Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Categorically eligible free: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 For Verification purposes only - Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Step 5: Optional CHILDREN'S ETHNIC and RACIAL IDENTITIES You are **not required** to answer this question.

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

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

NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

DATE:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your application for free or reduced price meals for your child(ren) has been:

- Approved for applicable programs listed below (check all that apply)
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price lunches at \$_____ per meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Breakfasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price breakfast at \$_____ per meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free After School Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price After School Snacks at \$_____ per snack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Milk for K and Pre-K, if meals are unavailable to them | |
- Denied because:
- Household income is over the amount allowable. The application is missing_____.
- Other_____.

You may appeal this decision by contacting the Hearing Official, Jay Charette, Superintendent of Schools, at 685-3336, or by email jay_charette@maranacook.com.

Sincerely,

Approving Officer

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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. 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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