

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING – COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD PER SCHOOL DISTRICT

### IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

**Part 1:** List all household members, school and grade for each student, and a SNAP or TANF case number for any household member including adults receiving such benefits. (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)

**Part 2:** Skip this part.

**Part 3:** Skip this part.

**Part 4:** Sign the form. (The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.)

**Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GETS SNAP OR TANF BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY OR HEAD START/EVEN START, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTION AND RETURN THE COMPLETE FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

**Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.

**Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.

**Part 3:** Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 2. See instructions for All Other Households.

**Part 4:** Sign the form. Only if part 3 is completed, please include the last four digits of a Social Security Number. (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

**Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL:

#### If all children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

**Part 1:** List all foster children and the school name for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.

**Part 2:** Skip this part.

**Part 3:** Skip this part.

**Part 4:** Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

**Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

#### If some of the children in the household are foster children that are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court:

**Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child. Check the "Foster Child" box for each foster child.

**Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.

**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

• **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.

• **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

**Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

**Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

### ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDING MEDICAID AND WIC HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

**Part 1:** List all household members and the name of school for each child.

**Part 2:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school.

**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

• **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.

• **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under All Other Income, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For ONLY the self-employed, under Earnings from Work, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC or Federal education benefits. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

**Part 4:** Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

**Part 5 & 6:** Contact Information, and Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities: Answer these questions if you choose to. (Optional)

**Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.** 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, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**1. All Household Members (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)**

NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS First, Middle Initial, Last	(for Student only) School Name	(for Student only) Grade	SNAP OR TANF CASE NUMBER ONLY Skip to Part 4 if you list a SNAP or TANF case number. At least one SNAP/TANF must be provided below. If you receive Medicaid and were not directly certified for free meals, you <b>MUST</b> apply based on household size and income.	Check if Foster Child*
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

\* A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

**2. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, or Head Start (Categorically eligible)**

- Homeless   
  Migrant   
  Runaway   
  Head Start

Signature of Your School Homeless Liaison, Migrant Coordinator, or Head Start Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Total Household Gross Income (before deductions) You must tell us how much and how often.**

A. NAMES (LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH INCOME)	GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED (Example: \$100/month; \$100 /twice a month; \$100/every other week; \$100/week)							
	B. Earnings From Work (Before Deductions)		C. Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		D. Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		E. Worker's Comp., Unemployment, SSI, etc. (All other income)	
	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?	Amount	How often?
i.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
ii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iii.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
iv.	\$		\$		\$		\$	
v.	\$		\$		\$		\$	

**4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)**

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark the *I do not have a social security number* box.      X  X  X  -  X  X  -       I do not have a social security number.

Social Security Number

*I certify (promise) all information on this application is true and all income is reported. I understand the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date                                  \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Adult Household Member                                  \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Adult Household Member

**5. Contact Information (Optional)**

Work Telephone Number (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)**

- Mark one ethnic identity:                                  Mark one or more racial identities:
- Hispanic/Latino                                   Asian                                   Black or African American                                   Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 Not Hispanic/Latino                                   White                                   American Indian or Alaska Native

**- THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY -**

**INITIAL DETERMINATION**

TOTAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per:  Week     Every 2 Weeks     Twice a Month     Month     Year    NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: \_\_\_\_\_ CHANGE IN STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

LEAs must annualize income only when multiple incomes, at varying frequencies, are reported.  
 Annual Income Conversion    Weekly X 52    Every 2 Weeks X 26    Twice a Month X 24    Once a Month X 12

- Free based on:  
 homeless     migrant     runaway     Head Start  
 SNAP or TANF     foster child     household's income
- Reduced based on:  
 household's income
- Denied—Reason:  
 income too high     incomplete application     Non-qualifying SNAP/TANF

Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Determining Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_