

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEAL HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION - SY 2020

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

_____	_____	_____	Foster Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless/Migrant <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Last Name	Student First Name	School		
_____	_____	_____	Foster Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless/Migrant <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Last Name	Student First Name	School		
_____	_____	_____	Foster Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless/Migrant <input type="checkbox"/>
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Student Last Name	Student First Name	School		

Step 2: BENEFITS If any members of your household receive SNAP, TANF or FDPIR assistance provide the case number and name of the person receiving these benefits. You may skip step 3.

Name: _____

SNAP or TANF Number **Letter**

Step 3: INCOME List ALL Household Members including students listed above and total gross income (before deductions).

Names	Gross Income														
	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	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				
	\$					\$					\$				

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:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Date:** _____

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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: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Step 5: OTHER BENEFITS – You do not have to complete this part to get free or reduced price school meals.

It's not too late to sign up for free or low-cost health coverage! Enrollment is open year-round. Children or teens in a family may qualify for MaineCare. Children can get regular check-ups, immunizations, doctor and dentist visits, hospital care, mental health services, prescriptions and more. You can apply online using [My Maine Connection](#). If you have questions or would like assistance with your application, call the Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC) at 1-800-965-7476.

I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free and reduced price school meals for my child. I give up my rights to confidentiality for the purpose of applying for health insurance only. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child for whom application is being made.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Step 6: CHILDREN'S ETHNIC and RACIAL IDENTITIES: Optional. 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)
- Free Lunches
 - Free Breakfasts
 - Free After School Snacks
 - Free Milk for K and Pre-K, if meals are unavailable to them
 - Reduced price lunches at \$ _____ per meal
 - Reduced price breakfast at \$ _____ per meal
 - Reduced price After School Snacks at \$ _____ per snack
- Denied because:
- Household income is over the amount allowable.
 - The application is missing _____.
- Other _____.

You may appeal this decision by contacting the Hearing Official, _____ at (phone/email of Hearing Official) _____.

Sincerely,

 Approving Officer

School Year 2020 Income Guidelines For Reduced Price Meals	
REDUCED	
INCOME GUIDELINES	
Household Size	Monthly
1	1,926
2	2,607
3	3,289
4	3,970
5	4,652
6	5,333
7	6,015
8	6,696
For each additional family member add:	
	682

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 (FDPRI) case number or other FDPRI 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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