

Connecticut State Department of Education
ISAAC Child Nutrition Programs' Application for Free or Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk

Parents/Guardians: To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk for your children, you must list the names of all members of the household in Part 5. However, each foster child must have their own separate application and should not be included as part of your regular household.

1. (Print) Student Information: (Make sure you list each child below AND in section 5a.)

Table with columns: Name, Grade, Name of School, Does this child receive SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) or TFA? (circle), If yes, provide client ID number. Includes rows for 'yes / no' and 'yes / no'.

- 2. If the child you are applying for is homeless or a runaway, check the appropriate box and contact your school's homeless liaison at 447-1003, ext. 203 [] Homeless [] Runaway
3. The children listed above: [] May Qualify (complete the application) [] Do NOT Qualify (initial _____ and return the form).
4. [] Check if student is a Foster Child—Note: Complete a separate application for each foster child. Please specify the child's monthly personal use income. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income. \$ _____
5. Household Members and Monthly Income: If you are receiving only medical benefits, you must report an income and complete Part 5. If you gave a client ID number for SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) or TFA, skip part 5.

Table for household income reporting with columns: a. Name (List everyone in household including children listed above in section 1.), b. Gross Income and how often it was received (Indicate if income is received monthly, twice a month, every other week, weekly or annually.) You MUST indicate frequency of income. Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every two weeks \$100/weekly \$28,000/annually. Sub-columns: Earnings from work before deductions, Welfare, child support, alimony, Pensions, retirement, Social Security, All other Income. c. Check if NO income. Includes an example row for Jane Smith and rows 1-6.

6. RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY (you are not required to complete Section 6. Ethnicity: [] Hispanic or Latino [] Not Hispanic or Latino
Race: [] Asian [] Black or African American [] White [] American Indian [] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

7. Signature and Social Security Number: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that school officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

X _____ OR [] No Social Security Number
Signature of Adult Household Member Social Security Number

Printed Name _____ Home Tel. #. _____ Work Tel. No. _____
Street/Apt. No. _____ City & Zip _____ Date _____

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 social security number of the adult household member who signs the application.
Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

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Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52 ♦ Every 2 weeks X 26 ♦ Twice a Month X 24 ♦ Monthly X 12
(Only convert to annual income if there are different frequencies of income listed in the columns under Section 5b.)

[] Food Stamp/TFA Household [] Income Household: Total household income _____ per _____ Household

Application approved for: [] Free Meals [] Reduced-Price Meals
Application denied because: [] Income over allowed amount [] Incomplete/missing [] Other

Date Notice Sent: _____ Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals or free milk, complete this application using the instructions below, sign your name and return the application to the school. If you need help, call the school at 447-1003, ext. 102 (Lisa Johns).

Part 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: List each child's name, grade and school. Indicate if your children are receiving SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA). If your children are receiving SNAP or TFA, provide the Client ID Number for each child. An adult household member must sign the application in Part 7, but do not complete Part 5. **(Note: If you are receiving only medical benefits for your children, you must report all household income in Part 5.)** *If a child is a foster child, a separate application must be completed. A foster child is considered a separate household because they are a legal ward of the State and must have a separate application.*

Part 2- Indicate if the child you are applying for is homeless or a runaway. You must contact the school (or homeless liaison) to notify them of the child's status.

Part 3 - Indicate your children's potential eligibility or ineligibility to qualify for free or reduced price meal or free milk benefits.

Part 4 - A FOSTER CHILD who is a legal ward of the State may get free meals regardless of your household income. Complete a separate application for each foster child. Also, **complete this Part 4 and Part 7. Licensed foster homes do not complete Part 5.** *Note: Subsidized adoptions and/or guardianships require you to provide all household income documentation in Part 5. These children are not considered legal wards of the state and, therefore, are considered part of your household and all household income must be listed.*

FOSTER CHILD INCOME: Write each child's *personal use income and how often it is received (such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, or monthly). Write "0" if the child has no personal use income. **An Adult household member must sign Part 7.**

***Personal use income includes:** Funds provided by the welfare agency that are specifically identified by category for the personal use of the child, such as for clothing, school fees and allowances. Welfare funds paid to the foster parents identified by category for shelter and care, and those identified as special needs funds, such as those for medical and therapeutic needs are not considered as income. Where welfare funds cannot be identified by category, no portion of the provided funds is considered as income. Personal use income also includes other funds received by the child, including any income the child earns for full-time or regular part-time employment, and money provided by the child's family for personal use.

Part 5- ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete Part 5 if: You did not give a SNAP/TFA Client ID Number; you are receiving only medical benefits; each child is not a legal ward of the state; or if each child is a subsidized adoption or you have subsidized guardianship. **Note:** An adult household member **must** sign the application in Part 7.

a. HOUSEHOLD NAMES: Write the names of everyone (related or unrelated) who live in your household. Include yourself and each child listed above, your spouse, all other children, grandparents, other relatives and unrelated people in your household. Use a separate sheet of paper if you do not have enough space. **Note: Do not include foster children in your regular household.**

b. CURRENT INCOME: Write the amount of income each person now receives on the same row as his or her name in the column that corresponds with the income source. Also, indicate if income was received monthly, twice a month, every two weeks, weekly, or annually. Income is all money before taxes or anything else is taken out. **If the amount received most recently is higher or lower than usual, write instead that person's usual income.** **Note:** If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include this housing allowance.

c. NO INCOME: Check the box if the person has no income. **(Note:** "Person" includes adults and children in the household.)

Part 6- RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY: Put a check mark next to the racial/ethnic group of your child. This information helps us to be sure everyone gets benefits on a fair basis. *You do not have to complete this section to get free or reduced meals or free milk.*

Part 7- SIGNATURE: An adult household member must sign the application or it cannot be approved. The social security number of the adult signer must be included unless otherwise noted. If the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number, check the box "No Social Security Number." *Reminder:* A social security number is not needed if you have listed a SNAP Client Number, TFA Client Number or if the children are foster children.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings from Work

- Wages/salaries/tips
- Strike benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Workmen's compensation
- Net income from self-owned business or farm

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security

- Pensions
- Retirement income
- Social Security
- Veteran payments
- Supplemental Security income

Child Support/Alimony

- Alimony payments
- Child Support payments

Other Income

- Earnings from second job
- Disability benefits
- Interest/dividends
- Cash withdrawn from savings**
- Income from Estates/Trust/Investments
- Regular Contributions from persons not living in the household
- Royalties/Annuities/Rental Income
- Any other monies that may be available to pay for the child's meals or milk