

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION
(for use by Sponsors of Unaffiliated Child Care Centers)

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your child, read the instructions and complete this form. Sign your name, date and return the application to _____ If you need assistance filling out this form, call this number: _____

PART 1 – INFORMATION ON CHILD:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CCC/OSHCC:

Child's Name: _____
 Last Name First Name Date of Birth _____

Primary Hours of Care: From: _____ To: _____
 Days of the Week in Care: M T W Th F S S Meals Typically Served While in Care: Br MS L AS Sup ES

PART 2 – HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR TANF BENEFITS: Complete this part and Part 4.

Food Assistance Program Case Number: _____ TANF Case Number: _____

PART 3 – ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: If you gave a Food Assistance Program or TANF number, then skip to Part 4. Otherwise, complete this part and Part 4.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS		INCOME AMOUNT & FREQUENCY				
		List pay frequency (i.e., annually, monthly, twice a month, biweekly, or weekly) after each amount.				
List the Names of <u>Everyone</u> in Your Household (include child listed in Part 1 above)	Check Box If Foster Child	Gross Earnings (Before Deductions) If self-employed, list net income	Welfare, Child Support, Alimony	Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	All Other Income (including personal use income of a foster child)	Check Box If Person has NO INCOME
Last Name, First Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ Amt./Frequency	\$ Amt./Frequency	\$ Amt./Frequency	\$ Amt./Frequency	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 4 – SIGNATURE AND SSN: An adult household member must sign the application before it can be approved.

Signature of Adult Household Member _____ Date Signed _____ Home Phone # _____

Home Address _____ Street Address, City, State, Zip Code _____ Work Phone # _____

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number _____ Write NONE if you don't have a Social Security Number

PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION: I certify that all information on this application 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 institution 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.

PART 5 (Optional) - RACIAL IDENTITY OF CHILD

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Not Hispanic or Latino

Privacy Act Statement: Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that, unless you list a current Food Assistance Program or TANF case number or are applying for a foster child, you must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application or indicate that the household member does not have a social security number. Provision of the last four digits of a social security number is not mandatory, but if this information is not given or an indication is not made that the signer does not have such a number, the application cannot be approved. The last four digits of the social security number may be used to identify the household member in carrying out efforts to verify the correctness of information stated on the application. These verification efforts may be carried out through program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a Food Assistance Program or welfare office to determine current certification for receipt of Food Assistance Program or TANF benefits, contacting the state employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by the household member to prove the amount of income received. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims or legal actions if incorrect information is reported. 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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- Food Assistance Program/TANF household Total Household Size: _____ Total Household Income: \$ _____
 Foster Child Income Frequency: Weekly / Biweekly / Twice a Month / Monthly / Annual (circle one)

Note: If different income frequencies are listed, convert all income to an annual amount. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Biweekly x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Eligibility Determination: Free Reduced Non-needy Enrollment Date: _____
 Reason for Non-needy Status: Income too High Incomplete Application Other (Reason) _____

Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date Signed: _____

PARENT LETTER FOR NON-PRICING PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____

We participate in the Child Care Food Program (CCFP), which provides reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to enrolled children. All meals served must meet meal pattern requirements established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In the operation of USDA child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The information requested on the attached Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application is necessary so that we may receive reimbursement for meals served to your child while in care. The amount of reimbursement we receive from the CCFP depends on the household income status of the enrolled children. Please complete the attached application, sign, date, and return it to the address listed below. **Please refer to the back of the application for full instructions.** Your application will be placed in our files and kept confidential.

Children from households that receive Food Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits are eligible for free meals. Children enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start (HS/EHS) are eligible for free meals, subject to the submission of official, acceptable HS/EHS enrollment documentation. With proper documentation, HS/EHS children will not need Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications. Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside, subject to the submission of official, acceptable foster care agency/court documentation or a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Children from households with total incomes less than or equal to the levels listed below are eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	21,590	1,800	900	831	416
2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
For each additional family member, add	+7,511	+626	+313	+289	+145

HOW TO APPLY:

If any member of your household currently receives Food Assistance Program (FAP) or TANF benefits, then any child in the household is eligible for free meals. The application must include the child's name, the FAP or TANF case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

If completing a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application for a foster child, the application must identify the child as a foster child, and include the child's name, any "personal use" income, and an adult's signature. Households wishing to apply for meal benefits for foster children should contact us if they have any questions.

If you do not list a FAP or TANF case number, or if the child is not a foster child, the application must include:

- the child's name;
- the names of all household members, including spouse, children, parents or other persons who live with you in the same household;
- the amount of income each person usually receives (before deductions for taxes, social security, etc.), how often it is received, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare. For self-employed persons, list net income. Net income is defined as gross receipts less operating expenses. For persons who do not receive any income, check the "NO INCOME" box;
- the signature of an adult household member; and
- the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application or the word "none" if that adult does not have a social security number.

VERIFICATION: Your application may be reviewed by the child care center or other officials at any time during the year to determine if it has been correctly approved. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The information that you report will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals in the CCFP. **REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the year. If you are not eligible now but your household experiences a change, such as, a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, unemployment or receipt of Food Assistance Program or TANF benefits, then complete a new application.

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sincerely,

Name and Title of Child Care Center Representative

Name of Child Care Center

Address

Phone Number