

2024-2025 Education and Nutrition Benefits

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1: List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need more space for names

List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.

Form with columns: Child's First Name, MI, Child's Last Name, Student? (Yes/No), School, Grade, Foster Child, Homeless Migrant, Runaway. Includes checkboxes and input fields for each child.

STEP 2: Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

If NO > Go to STEP 3. If YES > Write a case number here, then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3). Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Write only one case number in this space)

STEP 3: List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions). Skip this step if you answered "YES" to STEP 2.

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.

Form for Child Income: Child Income, How Often? (Weekly, Bi-Weekly, 2x Month, Monthly, Annually), Please put an X in the appropriate box.

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

PLEASE PRINT

Table for Adult Household Members with columns: Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last), Earnings from Work, Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support, Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income, and How often received? (Weekly, Bi-Weekly, 2x Month, Monthly, Annually).

Total Household Members (Children and Adults) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member (if Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Check if no SSN

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: APS Food Service 10760 68TH AVE Allendale MI 49404

STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature.

"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 (confirm) 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".

Street Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Adult Signing Form \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME:** for additional information in income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Sources of Child Income	Examples
Earnings from work	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
Social Security	A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security Benefits.
- Disability Payments	A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits.
- Survivor's Benefits	
Income from person outside the household	A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money.
Income from any other source	A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust.

Sources of Adult Income	Examples
Earnings from work	Salary, wages, cash bonuses / Net income from self-employment (farm or business) -If you are in the U.S. Military: -Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) -Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing
Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	-Unemployment Benefits -Workers compensation -Supplemental Security Income (SSI) -Cash assistance from State or local government -Alimony payments-Child support payments -Veteran's benefits -Strike benefits
Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income	-Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) -Private pensions or disability benefits -Annuities -Regular income from trusts or estates -Investment income -Earned interest -Regular cash payments from outside household

**OPTIONAL:** Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

**Ethnicity (check one):**  Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race)  Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race (check one or more):**  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

**Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms.** We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number' Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

**The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination:** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA

(1) by: 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: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or  
(3) email: [program.mlake@usda.gov](mailto:program.mlake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**\*Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination**

**DO NOT FILL OUT: For School Use Only**

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

**Total Income:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly Annual

**Categorical Eligibility:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Eligibility:** Free Reduced Denied

Determining Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirming Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verifying Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_