

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

Parents/Guardians: Complete only one application for each household. To apply for free or reduced price meals 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. Return the application to the school office. If the children receive medical benefits only, you must complete Part 1 and then continue with Part 5.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Grade, Name of School, Does this child receive SNAP or TFA?, If yes, provide client ID number. Includes rows for child information and checkboxes for SNAP/TFA status.

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:
Homeless Runaway

3. The children listed above:
May Qualify (Continue to complete the application). Do not Qualify (Please initial _____ and return the form).

4. Check if student is a Foster Child: Note: Complete a separate application for each foster child. List 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 members with columns: a. Name, b. Gross Income and how often it was received, c. Check if NO income. Includes example row for Jane Smith and numbered rows 1-6.

6. RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY: You are not required to complete Section 6. This section is optional.

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino Choose one or More (Regardless of Ethnicity): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian White Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Black or African American

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 Signature of Adult Household Member X Social Security Number OR I don't have a social security number.

Home Telephone No. Work Telephone No. Printed Name
Street/Apt. No. City/State/Zip Date

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.
Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

For School Use Only - Do Not Write Below This Line
Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52 Every 2 weeks X 26 Twice a Month X 24 Monthly X 12
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, complete this application using the instructions below, sign your name and return the application to the school. If you need help, call Deneen at the Board office number: 860-687-2000 x253.

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

Child Support/Alimony

Alimony payments
Child Support payments

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security

Pensions
Retirement income
Social Security
Veteran payments
Supplemental Security income

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