

Instructions for Completing the Free and Reduced Priced School Meals Application

If your household receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP), formerly FOOD STAMP Program, or receives TANF, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List child(ren)'s name, school, and grade
Part 1a: Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
Part 5: Answer this question if you choose to.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD or an institutionalized child, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** Use a separate application for each foster or institutionalized child. List the child's name, school, and grade.
Part 1a: Skip this part.
Part 2: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income or zero if none.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
Part 5: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

- Part 1:** List each child's name, school and grade.
Part 1a: Skip this part.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
Column 1–Name: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.
Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work:* List the **gross income** each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income:* List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column) and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.
Column 3–Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.
Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.
Part 5: Answer this question if you choose to.

