

**IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 2021-2022 Multi-Use Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals**

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil). **Apply online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)**

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Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1:** Definition of Household Member: *anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related.* Children in Foster care; children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway or who participate in Head Start are eligible for free meals. Please read the directions for more information.

**A. List ALL Household Members Who Are Infants, Children, and Students up to and Including Grade 12.** If more spaces are needed, use the Additional Names section on the back.

List each child's name.

Student Attends School in District?

Optional:  
Student ID  
Number

Check all that apply.

| First Name | MI | Last Name | Yes                      | No                       | Grade | Optional:<br>Student ID<br>Number | Foster                   | Head Start               | Homeless                 | Migrant                  | Runaway                  |
|------------|----|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**B. Participation in a Categorical Program**

• If every child listed in Step 1 is a participant any one of the following programs—Foster, Head Start, Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway, skip Step 2 and complete Step 3.

• **SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR:** Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in SNAP, TANF, and/or FDPIR?

If **No**, complete Steps 2 and 3. If **Yes to SNAP/TANF** > Write the Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) number in this space \_\_\_\_\_, skip Step 2, and complete Step 3.

If **Yes to FDPIR**, check this box , skip Step 2, and complete Step 3.

**Step 2:** Please read the directions for more information for the following questions.

**Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you entered an EDG number or checked the box to indicate participation in FDPIR in Step 1).**

**A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of an Adult Household Member:** XXX-XX \_\_\_\_ Check if no SSN

**B. Income for Adult Household Members** (Include Yourself, But Not Children. If more spaces are needed, use the Additional Names section on the back.)

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 income (without deductions) for each source in whole dollars only. Indicate the frequency of income: W=Weekly, E=Every 2 Weeks, T=Twice per Month, M=Monthly, A=Annually. 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.

| Adult's First/Last Name<br>(Do not include the income of children in this section. The income of children goes in 2C.) | Work Earnings<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | Pensions/Retirement/<br>Social Security/Supplemental Security Income<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | All Other<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.   | \$                              | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$   | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$                          | W-E-T-M-A                 |
| 2.   | \$                              | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$   | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$                          | W-E-T-M-A                 |
| 3.   | \$                              | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$   | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$                          | W-E-T-M-A                 |

**C. Income for Children in the Household** (Do not include adult income. Do report any type of regular income for children in the household. If more spaces are needed, use the Additional Names section on the back.)

Record total income by frequency for each child who receives regular income listed in Step 1.

|    | Weekly | Every 2 Weeks | Twice per Month | Monthly | Annually |
|----|--------|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| 1. | \$     | \$            | \$              | \$      | \$       |
| 2. | \$     | \$            | \$              | \$      | \$       |
| 3. | \$     | \$            | \$              | \$      | \$       |

**D. Total Household Members** (Count all children & adults living in the household) \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3:** Please read the directions for more information on signing this form.

**Provide Contact Information and Adult Signature. Return this application to 2115 W. Pike Blvd, Weslaco, Texas 78596 or return to the Cafeteria at the campus your student(s) attend(s).**

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 (check) 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/Apt #

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone and Email (Optional)

Printed Name of Adult Household Member Signing the Form

Signature of Adult Household Member Signing the Form

Today's Date

**Step 1: Additional Names**

**A. List ALL Household Members Who Are Infants, Children, and Students up to and Including Grade 12.**

List each child's name.

Student Attends School in District?

Optional:  
Student ID  
Number

Check all that apply.

| First Name | MI | Last Name | Yes                      | No                       | Grade | Optional:<br>Student ID<br>Number | Foster                   | Head Start               | Homeless                 | Migrant                  | Runaway                  |
|------------|----|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.         |    |           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |       |                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Step 2: Additional Names**

**B. Income for Adult Household Members (Include Yourself, But Not Children)**

| Adult's First/Last Name<br>(Do not include the income of children in this section. The income of children goes in 2D.) | Work Earnings<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | Pensions/Retirement/ Social Security/Supplemental Security Income<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) | All Other<br>(Enter Amount) | Frequency<br>(Circle One) |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.   | \$                              | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$                          | W-E-T-M-A                 |
| 5.   | \$                              | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$  | W-E-T-M-A                 | \$                          | W-E-T-M-A                 |

**C. Income for Children in the Household** (Do not include adult income. Do report any type of regular income for children in the household.)

Record total income by frequency for each child who receives regular income listed in Step 1.

|    | Weekly | Every 2 Weeks | Twice per Month | Monthly | Annually |
|----|--------|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| 1. | \$     | \$            | \$              | \$      | \$       |
| 2. | \$     | \$            | \$              | \$      | \$       |

**Step 4 (Optional), Sharing Information with Other Programs**

For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Please circle any program or benefit from the list below that you want to receive information from this application. Completing this section will not change whether your children are eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Examples of what your information may be used for include: To help your family waive fees for state level testing, college applications, or campus focus groups.

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 last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. 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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint), (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) 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: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Income Determination:</b> Multiple income frequencies must be converted to annual amounts and combined to determine household income. Do not convert if only one income frequency is provided by the household. If converting income to annual, round only the final number—Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52   Every 2 Weeks x 26   Twice a Month x 24   Monthly x 12 |                                      | <b>Date Received:</b>  |
| Household Size: _____ Total Income: _____ Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                      | <b>Categorical Determination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>   |
|   |                                      | <b>Eligibility:</b> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reviewing/Determining Official's Signature/Date   | Confirming Official's Signature/Date |  |
|   |                                      |  |