

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who can receive free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and foster children can receive free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can receive free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size in the instructions.

How can foster children apply? Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. Complete an application identifying the children who are in foster care.

I receive WIC. Can my children qualify for free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free meals. Please complete the application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free meals.

Who should I include as members of my household? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives and friends).

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount you normally receive. If you normally receive overtime pay, include it, but do not include it if you only sometimes receive overtime pay.

How will the information I provide be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information about how the information is used.

Will the information I submit be checked? Information submitted will be verified and written proof may be requested.