

2015-2016 MASSACHUSETTS FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

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

STOP If you have received a **NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION** from the school district for free meals, **do not** complete this application. But **do** let the school know if any children in the household are not listed on the Notice of Direct Certification letter you received.

STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

Definition of Household Member: "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."	Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Student? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Child Runaway <input type="checkbox"/>
Children in Foster care and children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant or Runaway are eligible for free meals. Read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information.					

Check all that apply

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR? Circle one: Yes / No

If you answered **NO** > Complete STEP 3. If you answered **YES** > Write a agency id here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Agency ID: _____ *Do not provide EBT card number.

STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. Child Income
Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income: \$ _____

How often? Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly

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 income for each source in whole dollars 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.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work			Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony			Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income					
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	\$				\$				\$			
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	\$				\$				\$			

Total Household Members (Children and Adults) _____

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member: X X X X

Check if no SSN

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 (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 (if available) _____ Apt # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone and Email (optional) _____

Printed name of adult completing the form _____ Signature of adult completing the form _____ Today's date _____

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OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

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
- 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 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.

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DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

Only annualize income if there are multiple pay frequencies

Total Income: _____ **Household size:** _____

Annual Income	Per:
Conversion:	<input type="checkbox"/> Week,
Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks,
Every 2 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice A Month,
Twice A Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Month,
Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Free
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
	Reason: _____

Categorical Eligibility

- Free
- Reduced
- Denied

Dual Eligibility:

Foster child(ren) – Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____
 Non-foster child(ren) – Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verifying Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____