



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled in a child care center. **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

**1. Do I need to fill out a Meal Benefit Form for each of my children in day care?** You may complete and submit one CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form for all children enrolled in child care in your household **only** if the children in child care are enrolled in the same center. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. **Return the completed form to:**

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, 500 THROCKMORTON STREET  
MCKINNEY TX 75069**

**2. Who can get free meals without providing income information?** Children in households getting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) can get free meals. Foster children (reference question #8 for more information on foster children) and children enrolled in a Head Start Program (HSP), Early Head Start Program (EHSP), or Even Start Program (ESP) and have not entered kindergarten) are also eligible for free meals. Households with children enrolled in a HSP, EHSP or ESP can provide a certification letter from the program of the child's enrollment and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

**3. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Income Chart, sent with this application. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for reduced price meals.

**4. May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the child care center.

**5. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who shares income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include foster children who live with you.

**6. How do I report income information and changes in employment status?** The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the attached Income Chart, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or by providing a

current SNAP, TANF, FDPIR case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should notify us, however, if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

**7. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.

**8. What if I have foster children?** Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Meal Benefit Form, but are not required to include payments received for the foster child as income. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children can provide the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Form 2085FC, *Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care*, to their child's caregiver and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

**9. We are in the military, do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. Combat Pay, including Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) is also excluded and will not be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

**10. (Pricing program only) Will the information I give be verified?** Maybe. We may ask you to send written proof to verify the information you submitted on the form. **What if I disagree with the decision about the information I complete on this form?** You can talk to **Jennifer Nichols** either in person or by telephone at **972-5625476**. You may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Jennifer Nichols, Operations Manager, 500 Throckmorton Street, McKinney TX 75070.**

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have other questions or need help, call **972-562-5476**.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nichols  
HFS Operations Manager



## CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care)

### Part 1. All Household Members

Name of Enrolled Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT) * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 5 TO SIGN THIS FORM.	CHECK IF NO INCOME
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Part 2. Benefits:** If any member of your household receives SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, provide the name and eligibility number for the person who receives benefits. If no one receives these benefits, skip to part 3.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3. (Applies only to parents/guardians with children enrolled in a day care home)** If any member of your household receives benefits listed on the enclosed *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs (H1660)*, provide the name of the program and eligibility number: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if no eligibility number

### Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

A. Name (List <b>only</b> household members with income) <i>(Example)</i> <i>Jane Smith</i>	B. Gross income and how often it was received			
	1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	4. All Other Income
	\$200/weekly _____	\$150/twice a month _____	\$100/monthly _____	\$200/bi-monthly _____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____

### Part 5. Signature and Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign this form. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the next page.)

*I certify that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of Social Security Number: \* \* \* - \* \* - \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number



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**Part 6. Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional)**

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino  
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian  
 White  
 Black or African American  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Part 7. Sharing Information With Other Programs: OPTIONAL**

The above information may be disclosed for the purpose of enrolling children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Parents/guardians are not required to consent to such disclosure and electing not to allow disclosure will not adversely affect a child's eligibility.

- I do elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.  
 I do not elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.

**Don't fill out this part. This is for official use only.**

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Per:  Week,  Every 2 Weeks,  Twice A Month,  Month,  Year Household size: \_\_\_\_\_

Categorical Eligibility: \_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility: Free \_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Tier I \_\_\_ Tier II \_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirming Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Act 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 the participant 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 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) eligibility number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier 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 the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

**Non-discrimination Statement:**

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](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), 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.

**Income Eligibility Guidelines  
for Determining Free and Reduced-Price Benefits  
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

Ingresos máximos para determinar  
la elegibilidad para el programa de nutrición  
1 de julio de 2017 - 30 de junio de 2018

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL REDUCED	MONTHLY REDUCED	TWICE MONTHLY REDUCED	BI-WEEKLY REDUCED	WEEKLY REDUCED
1	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$578
3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$727
4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$876
5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$1,024
6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
For each additional family member add:	\$7,733	\$645	\$323	\$298	\$149

Children from households whose incomes are at or below the levels shown above, or who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Adult Day Care participants whose household incomes are at or below the levels shown above, or who receive Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or SNAP benefits, are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Los niños de hogares con ingresos iguales o menores a los niveles indicados anteriormente, o que reciben Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF), ayuda del Programa Suplementario de Asistencia Nutricional (SNAP), o del Programa de Distribución de Alimentos en Reservas Indígenas (FDPIR) califican para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.

Las personas que participan en programas de Cuidado Diario para Adultos cuyos ingresos familiares son iguales o por debajo de los niveles indicados anteriormente, o que reciben Medicaid, Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario (SSI), TANF, o beneficios de SNAP o FDPIR califican para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.