

CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form Instructions

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) makes good food a regular part of your child's day care! Please fill out the *CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility* form. It helps us find out if your household qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. This lets us know how much money CACFP will give to support your day care home or center.

Instructions

Here are instructions to help you fill out the form. Before you begin, turn the form over to learn why we ask for this information. It tells you how we use the information and what rights you have. It also tells you how to contact USDA if you believe you are treated unfairly.

Please make sure to fill in all of the requested information. Use a pen to mark your answers on one form. When you are finished, please return the form to us at:

Step 1:

List all the children from your household in the day care. Use one line for each child's name. Write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children, add their names on a second piece of paper.

Do you have any foster children? If you answer *Yes*, mark the *Foster Child* box next to the child's name. If you are only applying for foster children, finish Step 1 and go to Step 4. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to Step 2.

Are any children migrant, runaway, homeless, or enrolled in Head Start? If *Yes*, mark the correct boxes next to the child's name and go to Step 4.

Step 2:

You qualify for free meals if you live in a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Do any household members, including you, currently receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? If *Yes*, write the case number in the box and go to Step 4. You only need to provide one case number. If *No*, go to Step 3.

Step 3:

List all Household members not listed in Step 1. Report current income for all household members. Skip this step if you answered *Yes* in Step 2.

How do you report child income? Turn the form over and use the *Source of Income for Children* chart to see if your household has income to report. Write the amount in the boxes in part A of the form. Mark how often the amount is earned. Write *0* in the box if there is no income to report.

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July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

How do you report income of adult household members? Turn the form over and use the *Source of Income for Adults* chart to see if your household has income to report.

In part B, list all the adults in your household, including you, even if each of you doesn't receive income. Include all adults, such as grandparents, other relatives, and friends who live with you and share household income and expenses. Write the amount of income each of you receives, in the boxes next to your names. Mark how often the amount is received. Write 0 in the box if there is no income to report.

Make sure you report the current amount of money you get before taxes. Don't include SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, student financial aid, or money you receive for a foster child as income.

Count the number of all children and adults in your household. Include all infants, children, students, and adults. Write the total number in the box under the list of adult household members.

Do you or another adult household member have a Social Security number? Write the last four digits in the boxes. If there is no Social Security number, mark the *Check if no SSN* box.

Points to Remember:

If:

Then:

Your income isn't always the same

List the amount of money that you normally get. For example, don't include overtime pay, if you don't normally get it. If your income is normally higher or lower, you can report annual income instead.

Your household includes members who aren't citizens

You or your children don't have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits.

You are in the military

Don't include your Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA), combat pay, or the money you receive for privatized housing. If deployed, count the amount of pay that is made available to your household as income.

Step 4:

An adult household member must sign this form. The signer promises that all information is true and complete. The form is NOT valid without signature and date of adult household member.

Print the name, address, and telephone or email of the adult signer. Sign and write today's date in the marked boxes.

Optional

We ask about your children's ethnicity and race to make sure we do our best to serve our community. Providing this information is not required. You won't be denied benefits based on your race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Source of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	Examples
Earnings from work	• A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
Social Security - Disability Payments - Survivors Benefits	• A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits • A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
Income from person outside of household	• A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
Income from any other source	• A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Source of Income for Adults		
Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All other sources of income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Workers compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veterans benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability benefits Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Earned interest Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities (Optional)

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 receiving meals during care.

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

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, the funds your child care center/provider receives may be impacted. 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 the meal reimbursement for your child care center/provider. 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, (AD-3027) found online at: 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:

MAIL*: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

FAX: (202) 690-7442; or
EMAIL: program.intake@usda.gov
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*Only use this address if you are filing a complaint of discrimination.

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

Total Income How often? Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly 2x-Monthly

Household size Eligibility Free Reduced Denied

Categorical Eligibility

Determining Official's Signature Date Follow-up Official's Signature Date
(second check) (For Pricing Institutions - Verification Official)

Effective Date: If the Institution is using the parent/guardian signature date as the effective date, the form must have been signed by the Institution representative within the same month the parent signed the form or the immediately following month.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program
Child Enrollment Form**

Sponsor/Center Name: _____
Agreement #: _____

ENROLLMENT FORM FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE

This document does not have to be completed for children in Emergency Shelters, Outside School Hours, and/or At-Risk programs. It is recommended to have new CACFP Annual Enrollment Forms completed each year during the Household Eligibility Application renewal period. Review completed enrollment form and enter the effective date in lower right hand section.

PARENTS: This institution participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives reimbursement to provide more nutritious meals for your child(ren). Federal CACFP regulations require all parents and guardians to complete a CACFP Annual Enrollment Form when enrolling their child(ren) and again every year thereafter. This information will help ensure all children receive appropriate meals during their care.

Please complete all areas to include signing and dating same.

FULL NAME OF ENROLLED CHILD (Include Birth Date/Age)	DAYS OF WEEK IN ATTENDANCE	TIMES CHILD NORMALLY ATTENDS DURING WEEK						TIME CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL		MEALS RECEIVED
		TIME-IN			TIME OUT			LEAVES CENTER	RETURNS TO CENTER	
		AM	PM	TIME	AM	PM	TIME			
FIRST CHILD	<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY <input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY <input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY <input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY <input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I work multiple shifts and child(ren) may be in care different days/hours Other: _____								<input type="checkbox"/> BREAKFAST <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. SNACK <input type="checkbox"/> LUNCH <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. SNACK <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPER <input type="checkbox"/> EVENING SNACK
NAME										
BIRTH DATE										
AGE										
		Enrollment Date: _____				Withdrawal Date: _____				

Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date _____

Telephone Number of Parent or Guardian _____

CHILD CARE REPRESENTATIVE USE ONLY: _____	_____
Name of Representative/Signature	Date
The effective date can be made retroactive back to the first day the child participates in the CACFP as long as it occurs in the same month this form is received.	

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