

**2018-2019 Prototype Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals**

Apply online: [www.muskegoncatholic.org/foodservice](http://www.muskegoncatholic.org/foodservice)

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

**STEP 1: List ALL Household Members** who are infants, children, and students up to and including 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." Children in Foster care and children who meet 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. **PLEASE PRINT**

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Student?		School	Grade	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
			Yes	No				
1) _____	_____	_____	<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"/>
3) _____	_____	_____	<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"/>
5) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**STEP 2: Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR?**

If NO > Go to STEP 3. If YES > Write a case number here, then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3) Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Write only one case number in this space.)

**STEP 3: Report income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered "YES" to STEP 2).**

Unsure what income to include here? Flip the page and review the charts titled, "Sources of Income", for more information. The "Sources of Income for Children" chart will help you with the Child Income section. The "Sources of Income for Adults" chart will help you with the All Adult Household Members Section.

**A. Child Income**

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How Often? Please put an X  
 Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x Monthly  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 gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) 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.

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Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How Often?		Public Assistance	How Often?		Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How Often?	
		Weekly	Bi-Weekly		Monthly	2x Monthly		Monthly	Weekly
1) _____	\$ _____	<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"/>
3) _____	\$ _____	<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"/>
5) _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member \_\_\_\_\_

Check if no SSN

**STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature. Mail Completed Form to: Muskegon Catholic Schools 1145 W Laketon Ave Muskegon MI 49441**

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 signing form \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of adult \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income**

**Sources of Income for Children**

Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
Earnings from work	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
Social Security - Disability Payments - Survivor's 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 the 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.

**Sources of Income for Adults**

Sources of Adult Income	Example(s)
Earnings from Work	Salary, wages, cash bonuses / Net income from self-employment (farm or business) / If you are in the U.S. Military / cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)
Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	-Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing -Unemployment Benefits -Workers compensation -Cash assistance from State or local government -Alimony payments-Child support payments -Strike benefits -Veteran's benefits
Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income	-Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) -Private pensions or disability benefits -Annuities -Regular income from trusts or estates -Investment income -Earned interest -Rental Income--Regular cash payments from outside household

**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 child(s) eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic

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, 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, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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**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  
Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ Bi-Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ 2x Month \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Categorical Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

Determining Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Confirming Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Verifying Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_