

## Free and Reduced Meal Application FAQs

What measures can I take to expedite my applications approval?

- Use BLACK or BLUE ink
- Print Clearly
- Use your student's name as it appears on their Birth Certificate
- List all Other Household Members
- Fill in the last 4 digits of the Social Security Number for the signer or write "NONE"
- SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

- No. Complete one application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the School Office or the School Cafeteria.

If I have more than one student going to school in the School District do I need to fill out more than one application?

- No, only complete ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY.

If I have a student living at home that goes to a different public school, private school, charter school, or Pre-K school, should I include them on the application?

- Yes, include them as Other Household Members at the bottom of the form.

Have the income eligibility guidelines changed from last school year?

- Yes, the eligibility guidelines change annually and you do need to fill out a new application annually.

I got a letter saying my children are approved for free meals for this school year. Should I fill out an application?

- All applications MUST be renewed every new school year. Please carefully read the letter you received and follow the instructions. Call the cafeteria if you have questions. **If you received a letter for the current school year, then no, you do not have to fill out a new application.** Please be sure that all of your children are listed on the letter as being eligible to receive free meals.

Will the information I give be checked?

- Yes, you may be asked to send written proof of the information you give

If I do not qualify now, may I apply later?

- You may apply at any time during the school year.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?

- You or your child do not have to be a U.S. citizen, for your child to receive reduced price or free meal benefits.

Who should I include as members of my household?

- Include yourself, all children who live with you and all other people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

Why do you list All Other Household Members?

- The consideration for approval of an application is based income and the number of household members. Therefore, it is required to list all members of the household.

Why do I need to fill out Social Security Number and sign the application?

- These two sections are required by the State of North Carolina to be filled out. If this information is not completed, the application will be returned to the applicant.