# 2025-26 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

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

**RETURN TO** Lincoln R-2 School District PO BOX 39, Lincoln, MO 65338

Date Received by LEA (LEA use only):\_

STEP 1 List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.	
List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.  Foster Homeless,	
Child's First Name MI Child's Last Name Building Name Grade Child Migrant, Runaway	
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Instruction Step 1: P	
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STEP 2 Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?	
O NO $\rightarrow$ Go to STEP 3. O YES $\rightarrow$ Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4. CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):	
STEP 3 List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions)	
A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.)  List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each	h
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 not income to report.	
Pensions, Retirement,  How often received? Public Assistance, How often received? Social Security, SSI, How often received?	
Every 2 2x Child Support, Every 2 2x VA Benefits, All Other Every 2 2x VA Benefits, All Other Every 2 2x	Monthly
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults):  Last four numbers of Social Security Number (SSN) of primary (Children and Adults):  Wage earner or other adult household member (If Applicable):    X   X   X   X	
How often received?  B. Child Income    Every 2   2x	
Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income.  Child income   Weekly   Weekls   Month   Monthly   Annual   Income Sources.	
Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.	
STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: Lincoln R-2 School, PO BOX 39, 101 W Lamine St, Lincoln, MO 65338	
"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 veri	ify
(confirm) 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."	
Print Name of Adult Signing the Form Signature of Adult	
Signature of Addit Signing the Form	
Mailing Address (if Available)  City  State  Zip  Daytime Phone and Email (optional)	
DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.	
ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: WEEKLY X 52, EVERY 2 WEEKS X 26, TWICE A MONTH X 24, MONTHLY X 12 (USE ONLY IF MULTIPLE FREQUENCY)  □ Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance Household size:  Total income: Per: □ Week □ Every 2 Weeks □ Twice a Month □ Month □ Twice a	]Vear
Eligibility: □Free □Reduced □Denied Reason:  Date withdrawn:	a i cai
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## SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME

For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Sources of Income			
Earning from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/ All other sources of income	
Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions     Net income from self-employment (farm or business)  If you are in the U.S. Military:     Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances)     Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing	Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veterans' benefits Strike benefits	Social Security/Disability (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	

	Examples of Income for Children
•	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
•	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
•	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
•	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages

Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. **OPTIONAL** 

Asian

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 (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) ■ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Black or African American

Return this completed form to your child's school. \*Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

#### **Use of Information Statement**

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met.

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native

Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number'. Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number.

Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

# Return completed form to your child's school.

## The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted 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: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or EMAIL: Program.Intake@usda.gov

White

\* Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.