DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2021-22 Application for Educational Benefits – Seamless Summer Option

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use pen (not a pencil). Mail or return completed form to: Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School, 1611 Ames Ave., St Paul, MN 55106

STEP 1: List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application at each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	МІ	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (√)

STEP 2: Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify. If NO > Go to STEP 3. If YES >Enter SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) ______ ___ ___ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

STEP 3: Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

Α.	Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member: XXX-XX						Or Check if Adult has No SSN :		Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults)	
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B. Child Income.

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$				

C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself). For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)		Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs			Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?						Any C	Other	Gross Income	
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).	Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farm or Self- Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.		Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
					\$			\$						\$
					\$			\$						\$
					\$			\$						\$
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STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature. "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is give 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."

□ I have checked this box if I *do not* want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Program as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form		Daytim	time Phone		
Address (if available)	Apt#	City	Zip		
SIGN HERE: Signature of Household Adult			Date		

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use Conversions to Annualize All Income:	X52	X26	X24	X12	Х1	Verified? Attach Tracker	No change	Free After Verified	Reduced After Verified	Denied After Verified
All Total Income (Include child and adult income)	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2X Month	Monthly	Annualize	Household Size:	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
\$										
Determining Official Signature: Date:										
Confirming Official Signature: Date:										

See Page 2 for Additional Information. Return completed form to the school at the address listed at the top of the form. Do not mail to the Minnesota Department of Education or United States Department of Agriculture.

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 children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

Step One: Ethnicity (check one):	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino			
Step Two: Race (check one or more): 🗌 American Indian (or Alaskan Native	sian 🔲 Black or African Ame	erican 🔲 Native Hawaiian or O	ther Pacific Islander 🔲 White

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples	Earning	gs from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
 Earnings from work Social Security Disability Payments Survivor's Benefits Income from person outside the household Income from any other source 	 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 A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust 	deductions or Net income fr (farm or busir If you are in th a. Basic pay NOT inclu or privatiz allowance	om self-employment ness) he U.S. Military: and cash bonuses (do ide combat pay, FSSA zed housing es) es for off-base housing,	 Cash Assistance from State or local government Supplemental Security Income Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	 Social Security Disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

Sources of Income for Adults

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

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

Nondiscrimination 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, you have two options: 1. Complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at <u>Filing a Program Discrimination Complaint as a USDA Customer</u>, http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office; or, 2. Write a letter addressed to USDA; 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 one of the following methods:

 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.

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