DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2020-21 Application for Educational Benefits

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

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." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. 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)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (√)
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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)

A. **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) ☐

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 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 — Daytime Phone

Street 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	X1	☐ 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.