

APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals or free milk, complete this application using the instructions below, sign your name and return the application to the school. If you need help, contact Tom O'Connor FSD 860 376-7685.

Part 1-**STUDENT INFORMATION:** List each child's name, grade and school. If a child is a foster child, circle "yes" and list personal use income and frequency. If all children are foster children, skip to Part 6. Note: Write each child's *personal use income and how often it is received (such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, or monthly). Write "0" if the child has no personal use income. **An Adult household member must sign Part 7.** Note: *Subsidized adoptions and/or guardianships require you to provide all household income in Part 5. These children are not considered legal wards of the state and therefore, are considered part of your household and all household income must be listed including the subsidy.*

*Personal use income includes: Funds provided by the welfare agency that are specifically identified by category for the personal use of the child, such as for clothing, school fees and allowances. Welfare funds paid to the foster parents identified by category for shelter and care, and those identified as special needs funds, such as those for medical and therapeutic needs are not considered as income. Where welfare funds cannot be identified by category, no portion of the provided funds is considered as income. Personal use income also includes other funds received by the child, including any income the child earns for full-time or regular part-time employment, and money provided by the child's family for personal use.

Part 2 – If a member of your household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits, list the person's name and case number. Do not complete Part 5 and skip to Part 6. When a name and case number for a household member are listed on the application all children in the household are eligible for free meals. (**Note: If you are receiving only medical benefits (HUSKY) for your children do not complete this section. You must report all household income in Part 5.**)

Part 3 – Indicate if the child you are applying for is homeless or a runaway. You must contact the school (or homeless liaison) to notify them of the child's status.

Part 4 – Indicate if the child you are applying for is enrolled in the district's Head Start or Even Start Program. List the child's name here and in Part 1 and check off the appropriate box.

Part 5- **HOUSEHOLDS: Complete Part 5 if:** You did not give a SNAP/TFA Client ID Number; you are receiving only medical benefits; each child is not a legal ward of the state; or if each child is a subsidized adoption or you have subsidized guardianship. **Note:** An adult household member **must** sign the application in Part 7 and complete the social security section.

- a. **HOUSEHOLD NAMES:** Write the names of everyone (related or unrelated) who live in your household. Include yourself and each child listed above, your spouse, all other children, grandparents, other relatives and unrelated people in your household. Use a separate sheet of paper if you do not have enough space. *Include foster children if you want them to be part of the household when determining the eligibility of your children.*
- b. **NO INCOME:** Check the box if the person listed has no income. (**Note:** "Person" includes adults and children in the household.)
- c. **CURRENT INCOME*:** Write the amount of income each person now receives on the same row as his or her name in the column that corresponds with the income source. **Also, list that income under the appropriate frequency box. For example, if you earn \$250 per month, place the \$250 in the monthly column.** Income is all money before taxes or anything else is taken out. **If the amount received most recently is higher or lower than usual, write instead that person's usual income.** Note: If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include this housing allowance.

*INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings from Work

Wages/salaries/tips
Strike benefits
Unemployment compensation
Workmen's compensation
Net income from self-owned business or farm

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security

Pensions
Retirement income
Social Security
Veteran payments
Supplemental Security income

Other Income

Earnings from second job
Disability benefits
Interest/dividends
Cash withdrawn from savings
Income from Estates/Trust/Investments
Regular Contributions from persons not living in the household
Royalties/Annuities/Rental Income
Any other monies that may be available to pay for the child's meals or milk

Child Support/Alimony

Alimony payments
Child Support payments

Part 6- **RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY:** Put a check mark next to the racial/ethnic group of your child. This information helps us to be sure everyone gets benefits on a fair basis. *You do not have to complete this section to get free or reduced meals or free milk.*

Part 7 – **SIGNATURE & SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** An adult household member must sign the application or it cannot be approved. The last four digits only of the social security number of the adult signer must be included unless otherwise noted. While disclosure of the last four digits of a social security number is voluntary, in order to approve the application, the National School Lunch Act requires the last four digits of a social security number or an indication of "I don't have a social security number" be listed on the application. *Reminder:* The last four digits of a social security number are not needed if you have listed a SNAP Client Number, TFA Client Number or if the children are foster children.

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