

PARENT LETTER FOR NON-PRICING PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____

We participate in the Child Care Food Program (CCFP), which provides reimbursement for serving nutritious meals to enrolled children. All meals served must meet meal pattern requirements established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In the operation of USDA child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

The information requested on the attached Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application is necessary so that we may receive reimbursement for meals served to your child while in care. The amount of reimbursement we receive from the CCFP depends on the household income status of the enrolled children. Please complete the attached application, sign, date, and return it to the address listed below. **Please refer to the back of the application for full instructions.** Your application will be placed in our files and kept confidential.

Children from households that receive Food Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits are eligible for free meals. Children enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start (HS/EHS) are eligible for free meals, subject to the submission of official, acceptable HS/EHS enrollment documentation. With proper documentation, HS/EHS children will not need Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications. Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside, subject to the submission of official, acceptable foster care agency/court documentation or a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. Children from households with total incomes less than or equal to the levels listed below are eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	BIWEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	23,828	1,986	993	917	459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,026	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
For each additional family member, add	+8,399	+700	+350	+324	+162

HOW TO COMPLETE:

If any member of your household currently receives Food Assistance Program (FAP) or TANF benefits, then any child in the household is eligible for free meals. The application must include the child's name, the FAP or TANF case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

If completing a Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application for a foster child, the application must identify the child as a foster child, and include the child's name, any "personal use" income, and an adult's signature. Households wishing to apply for meal benefits for foster children should contact us if they have any questions.

If you do not list a FAP or TANF case number, or if the child is not a foster child, the application must include:

- the child's name;
- the names of all household members, including spouse, children, parents or other persons who live with you in the same household;

- the amount of income each person usually receives (before deductions for taxes, social security, etc.), how often it is received, and where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or public assistance. For self-employed persons, list net income. Net income is defined as gross receipts less operating expenses. For persons who do not receive any income, write "0" or "None";
- the signature of an adult household member; and
- the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application or the word "none" if that adult does not have a social security number.

VERIFICATION: Your application may be reviewed by the child care center or other officials at any time during the year to determine if it has been correctly approved. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The information that you report will be used only to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals in the CCFP. **REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the year. If you are not eligible now but your household experiences a change, such as, a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, unemployment or receipt of Food Assistance Program or TANF benefits, then complete a new application.

Sincerely,

Melanie Ardis - Director Midway Learning Center
 Name and Title of Child Care Center Representative Name of Child Care Center
8682 SR 21 Melrose, FL 32666 352-475-2132
 Address Phone Number

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, audiotope, 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, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and 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:

- (1) 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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CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION - COMBO

Child's Name: _____

Center Name & Address: Midway Learning Center 8682 SE 21 Melrose, FL 332

Primary Hours of Care: From _____ To: _____

Days of the Week in Care: M T W TH F S S Meals Typically Served While in Care: BR MS LU AS SU ES None

Please read the instructions and accompanying Parent Letter before completing this form. If you need assistance completing this form, call: (352) 475-2132

STEP 1: Complete the following table for all INFANTS and CHILDREN through age 18 that reside in the household, even if not related. (Include child listed at top of form)

Child's Name (Last Name, First Name)	Date of Birth	Attends this center? (circle)	Foster Child? (circle)	Migrant? (circle)	Homeless/Runaway? (circle)
		Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No

STEP 2: Do any household members (children or adults) receive Food Assistance Program (FAP/SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits?

If NO, go to STEP 3. If YES, enter one of the following case numbers, then go to STEP 5.

FAP/SNAP Case Number: _____ or TANF Case Number: _____

STEP 3: Children's Income Information (see reverse side for what types of income to report) (skip this step if you listed a case # in STEP 2)

Children's Income - sometimes children earn or receive income. Enter the total income received by all children listed in STEP 1, then check how often the income is received.

Children's Income - Total: \$ _____ How often received? (check only one): ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Twice a Month ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

Adult Household Member's Name (Last Name, First Name)	Earnings from Work (\$ Amount / How often?)	Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony (\$ Amount / How often?)	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income (\$ Amount / How often?)
	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually	Weekly Biweekly Monthly Twice a Month Annually
	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Household Members (Add STEP 1 & 4): _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of adult household member: _____

STEP 5: Contact information and adult signature By signing below, I am certifying (promising) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given in connection with the rec of federal funds and that institution officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable state and federal laws.

Home address (if available): _____ Street Address, City, State, Zip Code _____ Daytime phone #: (____) _____

Signature of adult household member: _____ Printed name: _____ Date signed: _____

OPTIONAL: Child's ethnic and racial identities We are required to ask for information about your child's ethnicity and race. This information is important and helps make sure that we are fully serving the community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. Ethnicity (check one): ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

FOR CONTRACTOR USE ONLY: ☐ FAP/SNAP or TANF Household ☐ Foster Child Total Household Size: _____ Total Household Income: \$ _____

Eligibility Determination: ☐ Free ☐ Reduced-Price ☐ Non-needy How Often Income is Received (Frequency): ☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly ☐ Twice a Month ☐ Monthly ☐ Annua

NOTE: If different income frequencies are listed, convert all income to an annual amount. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Biweekly x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Reason for Non-needy Status: ☐ Income too High ☐ Incomplete Application ☐ Other Reason: _____ Date: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Second Party Check Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS for completing the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application (use a pen and print all information other than signature)

Print the name of the child you are applying for at the top of the form. Print the name and address of the child care center the child attends, if not already pre-printed. Print the primary caregiver for your child. Circle the days of the week your child primarily attends the child care center and the meals that you expect your child to receive while in care: breakfast (BR), morning snack (MS), lunch (LU), afternoon snack (AS), supper (SU), and/or evening snack (ES).

IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP/SNAP) OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1: List all children age 18 and under that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you. Be sure to include the child listed at the top of the form. If there is not enough space to list all children, use a second form and attach the forms together. List the date of birth of each child. In the next three columns, circle Yes or No to answer each question for each child listed. **STEP 2:** Enter either the FAP/SNAP or TANF case number in the designated space. The case number will be on your letter of eligibility; it is not the number on your EBT card. **STEP 3:** Skip this step. **STEP 4:** Skip this step. **STEP 5:** Enter your address and phone # (if available). An adult household member must sign the form. Print the name of the person who signed the form, then enter the date signed.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: With appropriate documentation, foster children are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household where they reside. You have the option to provide the child care center with official documentation from the foster care agency or court that placed the child in the household, rather than completing this application. Should you choose to complete this application, and you are applying only for a foster child(ren), then only complete STEPS 1 and 5. If you are applying for foster and non-foster children, complete STEPS 1, 3, 4 and 5. If completing STEP 3, do not include payments to the household for the care of the foster child(ren). See the instructions listed below for the applicable steps.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1: List all children age 18 and under that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you. Be sure to include the child listed at the top of the form. If there is not enough space to list all children, use a second form and attach the forms together. List the date of birth of each child. In the next three columns, circle Yes or No to answer each question for each child listed. **STEP 2:** Skip this step. **STEP 3:** Enter the total income received by all children listed in STEP 1, then check how often the income is received. **STEP 4:** List all adults age 19 and older that are supported with the household's income, even if they are not related to you and even if they receive no income. If there is not enough space to list all adults, use a second form and attach the forms together. For each adult, list the amount of income he/she regularly receives before taxes or anything else is taken out and circle how often the income is received (frequency). In the appropriate columns. If self-employed, list net income. See examples below for sources of income to report. For any adult with no income, write "none" or "0." Any income fields that are blank will also be counted as a zero (0). Enter the total number of household members (all children and adults), then list the last four digits of the social security number (SSN) of the adult completing/signing the application (or write NONE if he/she has no SSN). **STEP 5:** Enter your address and phone # (if available). An adult household member must sign the form. Print the name of the person who signed the form, then enter the date signed.

Sources of Income for Children		Sources of Income for Adults		
Earnings from work	A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
Social Security • Disability Payments • Survivor's Benefits	• 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	• Salary, wages, cash bonuses • 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 • Worker's compensation • Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • Cash assistance from State or local government • Alimony payments • Child support payments • Veteran's benefits • Strike benefits	• Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) • Private pensions or disability benefits • Regular income from trusts or estates • Annuities • Investment income • Earned interest • Rental income • Regular cash payments from outside household
Income from person outside the household	A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money			
Income from any other source	A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust			

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that, unless you list a current Food Assistance Program (FAP/SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) case number or are applying for a foster child, you must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult household member signing the application or indicate that signer does not have a SSN. Providing the last four digits of a SSN is not mandatory, but if this information is not given or an indication is not made that the signer does not have a SSN, application cannot be approved. The information provided on this form may be verified through program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a welfare office to verify receipt of FAP/SNAP or TANF benefits, contacting the state employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking any documentation produced by the household to prove the amount of income received. These verification efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs; audits for program reviews; and law enforcement officials to help them investigate violations of program rules. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Please refer to the accompanying Parent Letter to read the full Nondiscrimination Statement