

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2024 - 2025

District: _____ School: _____

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Part C: HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$19,578	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$19,579 and \$27,861	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$27,862
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$26,572	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$26,573 and \$37,814	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$37,815
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$33,566	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$33,567 and \$47,767	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$47,768
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$40,560	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$40,561 and \$57,720	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$57,721
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$47,554	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$47,555 and \$67,673	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$67,674
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$54,548	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$54,549 and \$77,626	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$77,627
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$61,542	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$61,543 and \$87,579	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$87,580
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$68,536	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$68,537 and \$97,532	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$97,533

*** Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**
 Household size (# people): _____ Total annual income: _____

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

(Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)

(Address) (City) (Zip)

(Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.
 Status: F _____ R _____ N _____ Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Household Size - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – Skip this part

Part C: Household Size – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

Michigan Education Benefits Form

1. What is the Education Benefits Form?

The Education Benefits Form is a household form for families to complete. Even though our district will be serving meals at no cost to all this year, we still need every family to complete this form, as it is used to determine how much education funding our district will receive.

2. Why should I fill out the Education Benefits Form?

- **SCHOOL FUNDING.** We need all families to fill out this form so that our district receives the necessary resources to continue to provide all students with the highest quality education, including funding for things like computers, books, school supplies, and more.
- **TECHNOLOGY FUNDING.** Our district receives more funding for internet access and computers.
- **GROCERY BENEFITS.** Filling out this form may help provide your family with money for groceries through P-EBT.
- **SAT, ACT, AND AP TEST DISCOUNTS.** If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for academic testing.
- **COLLEGE APPLICATION DISCOUNTS.** If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for college application fees.
- **ATHLETICS.** If your household qualifies, you may receive discounts for fees associated with participating in athletics.

3. How do I access the Education Benefits Form? A printed form can be obtained from the school office, it can be downloaded from our website, or it can be completed online in Meal Magic.

4. Do I need to fill out the Education Benefits Form for each student?

No, only one (1) form per household needs to be completed. Please include the names of all students enrolled in our district on the form.

5. Is the information I provide on the Education Benefits Form confidential? Yes, the personal information you provide on the Household Information Report is kept strictly confidential.

6. When do I need to complete the Education Benefits Form?

Please complete the form by _____ **Friday, September 13th, 2024** _____.

7. Who do I contact if I have questions?

Dawn Nieuwkoop

Director of Finance

734.848.9302

nieuwkoop@eriemason.k12.mi.us

Why fill out Mason Consolidated Schools Education Benefits Form?

SCHOOL FUNDING

When everyone fills out the form, MCS receives the necessary funding to provide all students with the highest quality education.



TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

MCS receives more funding for internet access and computers.



COLLEGE APPLICATION DISCOUNTS

If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for college application fees.



ATHLETICS

If your household qualifies, you may receive discounts for fees associated with participating in athletics.



SAT, ACT, AND AP TEST DISCOUNTS

If your household qualifies, you can receive discounts for academic testing.



GROCERY BENEFITS

Filling out this form may help provide your family with money for groceries through Summer EBT.

CONTACT INFO-Dawn Nieuwkoop 734.848.9302 or
nieuwkoop@eriemason.k12.mi.us

Get ongoing updates from Michigan School Meals at bit.ly/MISchoolMeals

Sharing Information with Other Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Based on the information you gave on your Education Benefits Form, your child may qualify for other programs. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free (or reduced-price meals, if applicable).

Yes! **I DO** want school officials to share information from my Education Benefits Form with:

- Pay to Participate (Athletics and Clubs).
- Programs that provide food support (weekend backpacks, holiday meals, etc.).
- Programs that provide field trip support (reduced rates or scholarships for field trips).
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees (filled backpacks and supplies from the requested supply list, testing fees).
- Programs that provide holiday support (meals, holiday gifts, opportunity for children to shop for gifts at no cost).

If you check "Yes" to any or all the boxes above, please fill out the form below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Printed Name: _____ Address: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

For more information, you may contact Dawn Nieuwkoop at 734.848.9302 or nieuwkoop@eriemason.k12.mi.us.

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
 2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
 3. **email:** program.intake@usda.gov
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USDA Civil Rights Complaint Link:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>

Return this form to: Your student's school office or the Business Office (in the HS).