

FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Fayetteville City Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50 ; lunch costs \$2.50 for Pre-K – 4th grade, \$2.75 for 5th – 8th grade, and \$3.00 for 9th-12th grades. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is [\$.30] for breakfast and [\$.40] for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to aid in the process of determining your child's eligibility.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out ALL required information. Return the completed application to your child's teacher, or front office of the school.
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from TN SNAP or Families First, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free meals, do not complete the application.



3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? **Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals.**
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, HEAD START AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? **Yes**, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Ron Perrin, 110 Elk Avenue South, Fayetteville, TN 37334 or perrinr@fcsboe.org.
5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get reduced price meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? **No**, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions.
7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? **Yes**. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC **may** be eligible for free or reduced price meals. **Please send in an application.**
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? **Yes** and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? **Yes**, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Ron Perrin, Fayetteville City Schools, 110 A Elk Avenue South, Fayetteville, TN 37334 or rperrinr@fcsboe.org.
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? **Yes**. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If

you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? **No**, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your child's school for more information.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for TN SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-866-311-4287.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART FOR FREE MEALS For School Year 2018-2019					
Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,782	\$1,316	\$658	\$607	\$304
2	\$21,398	\$1,784	\$892	\$823	\$412
3	\$27,014	\$2,252	\$1,126	\$1,039	\$520
4	\$32,630	\$2,720	\$1,360	\$1,255	\$628
5	\$38,246	\$3,188	\$1,594	\$1,471	\$736
6	\$43,862	\$3,656	\$1,828	\$1,687	\$844
7	\$49,478	\$4,124	\$2,062	\$1,903	\$952
8	\$55,094	\$4,592	\$2,296	\$2,119	\$1,060
Each Addtl Person	\$5,616	\$468	\$234	\$216	\$108

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART REDUCED MEALS For School Year 2018-2019					
Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$936	\$864	\$432
2	\$30,451	\$2,538	\$1,269	\$1,172	\$586
3	\$38,443	\$3,204	\$1,602	\$1,479	\$740
4	\$46,435	\$3,870	\$1,935	\$1,786	\$893
5	\$54,427	\$4,536	\$2,268	\$2,094	\$1,047
6	\$62,419	\$5,202	\$2,601	\$2,401	\$1,201
7	\$70,411	\$5,868	\$2,934	\$2,709	\$1,355
8	\$78,403	\$6,534	\$3,267	\$3,016	\$1,508
Each Addtl Person	\$7,992	\$666	\$333	\$308	\$154

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS ANY CHILD OR ADULT LIVING WITH YOU.

If your household receives benefits from TN SNAP or Families First, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List only household members and the name of each child's school (if known).

Part 2: List the case number for any household member (including adults) receiving TN SNAP or Families First benefits.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to **your student's teacher** at your school.

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD GETS TN SNAP OR FAMILIES FIRST BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY, OR IN HEAD START FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call Ron Perrin, 931-433-5542.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 1. See instructions for All Other Households.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary if you didn't need to fill in Part 3.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to **your student's teacher** at your school.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

If all children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all foster children and the school name for each child. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to **your student's teacher** at your school.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. Check the box for each foster child. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, in or a runaway check the appropriate box and if you have questions call your school.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 1. See instructions for All Other Households.

Part 4: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if she/he doesn't have one).

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to **your student's teacher** at your school.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List all household members and the name of each child's school (if known). For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, a foster child or a runaway check the appropriate box and call Ron Perrin, 931-433-5542.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

- **Section 1—Name:** List all household members with income.
- **Section 2 –**
 - **Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member listed in section 1, list each type of income received for the month. You must tell us how often the money is received—weekly, every other week, twice a month or monthly.
 - **Earnings:** Be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you.
 - **Income received from welfare, child support, and alimony:** List the amount each person received.
 - **Income received from retirement benefits, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits:** List the amount each person received.
 - **All Other Income:** List Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include benefits from WIC, Federal education and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For **ONLY** the self-employed, under *Earnings from Work*, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Part 4: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

Part 5: Answer this question if you choose.

Turn the form in to **your student's teacher** at your school.

If you have other questions or need help, call **Megan Hall** at 433-5542.

Sincerely,



Ron Perrin
Food Service Director

PART 4. SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form also must list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Statement on the back of this page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. I understand my child's eligibility status may be shared as allowed by law.

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number: * * * - * * - _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

PART 5. CHILDREN'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)

Choose one ethnicity:

Hispanic/Latino

Not Hispanic/Latino

Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity):

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

White

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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.

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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

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