

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Fairfield Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.50 at Holland Hill, McKinley, Fairfield Woods MS, Roger Ludlowe MS, Tomlinson MS, Fairfield Ludlowe HS and Fairfield Warde HS**; lunch costs **\$2.65 at the elementary schools, \$2.85 at the middle schools and \$2.90 at the high schools**. Deluxe meals are offered only at the **middle and high schools and cost \$3.85**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals**. Reduced price is **\$ .30** for breakfast and **\$ .40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

**Note:** Children receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits may be directly certified and automatically eligible for free meals without further applying for benefits. Questions regarding SNAP/TFA and direct certification should be sent to the determining official **Doreen Munsell, Director of Finance & Business Services, 501 Kings Highway East - Ste. 210, Fairfield, CT 06825**. If you have received a NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free meals, **do not** complete the application. However, **do** let the school know if any children in your household are *not* listed on the **Notice of Direct Certification** letter you received.

### 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits from are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the **legal** responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless or runaway are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

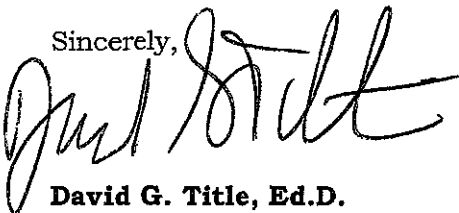
REDUCED FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART Effective 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	21,775	1,815	419
2	29,471	2,456	567
3	37,167	3,098	715
4	44,863	3,739	863
5	52,559	4,380	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455
Each additional person:	+7,696	+642	+148

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? 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 **Andrea Leonardi at (203) 255-8379 or [aleonardi@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:aleonardi@fairfieldschools.org)**.
3. 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: **Fairfield Public Schools, Food Service Department, 501 Kings Highway East - Ste. 210, Fairfield, CT 06825**.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Fairfield Public Schools, Food Service Department, (203) 255-8370** immediately.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
8. 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.
9. 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: **Doreen Munsell, Director of Finance & Business Services, 501 Kings Highway East - Ste. 210, Fairfield, CT 06825 or (203) 255-8383.**
10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
11. 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.
12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
14. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Fairfield Public Schools, Food Service Department, 501 Kings Highway East - Ste. 210, Fairfield, CT 06825 or (203) 255-8370** to receive a second application.
15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP benefits and to contact the Department of Social Services office in your town, contact United Way's free referral number **2-1-1** (free call, statewide).

If you have other questions or need help, call **Fairfield Public Schools, Food Service Department, (203) 255-8370.**

Sincerely,



**David G. Title, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

# 2015-2016 Application for Free and Reduced-price School Meals or Free Milk

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

Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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)

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Student?		Foster	Head Start	Even Start	Homeless or Runaway
					Yes	No				

Check all that apply

**Definition of Household Member:** "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."  
 Children in Foster care and children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant or Runaway are eligible for free meals. Read How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals for more information.

## STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following Assistance Programs - SNAP OR TFA: Check one: YES or NO (This does NOT include medical (HUSKY) benefits.) To quicken the approval process, it is strongly recommended that you submit proof of SNAP or TFA eligibility with this application. See instructions.

If NO household member participates in SNAP or TFA, skip Step 2 and complete STEP 3.

If a household member does participate in SNAP or TFA, write a SNAP OR TFA case number here and then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Write only one case number in this space.

## STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you wrote a SNAP or TFA Number in STEP 2)

**A. Child Income**  
 Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all Child Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How often? Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x Month  Monthly

**B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)**  
 List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work			Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony			Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income				
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month
	\$			\$			\$		\$		
	\$			\$			\$		\$		
	\$			\$			\$		\$		
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	\$			\$			\$		\$		

Total Household Members (Children and Adults - Step 1 & Step 3)      Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member

    
         
         
 Check if no SSN

## 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 given 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.\*

Street Address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone and Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of adult completing the form \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of adult completing the form \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities**

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children'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

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.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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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**For School Use Only – Do Not Write Below This Line**

**Determining Officials (DO) for the Local Education Agency MUST complete this section.**

**Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52 ♦ Every 2 weeks X 26 ♦ Twice a Month X 24 ♦ Monthly X 12**  
*(Only convert to annual income if there are different frequencies of income listed in Step 3.)*

- Directly Certified Based on the State Direct Certification List    Date Certified on DC List: \_\_\_\_\_
- SNAP/TFA Household (**Reminder**: The DO must confirm a handwritten SNAP/TFA number)     Foster Child     Head Start
- Confirmed Homeless or Runaway

Income Household: Total household income: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application approved for:**     Free Meals     Reduced-Price Meals     Application Denied

Date Notice Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced-price school meals. You only need to submit **one** application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in the Fairfield Public Schools. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced-price school meals.

Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact **Karen Sanborn, Food Service Department at (203) 255-8370 or [ksanborn@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:ksanborn@fairfieldschools.org)**.

**PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.**

## STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

### Who should I list here?

When filling out this section, please include **all** members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under **and** are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless or runaway youth;
- Students attending the Fairfield Public Schools, regardless of age.

- List each child's name.** For each child, print their first name, middle initial and last name. Use one line of the application for each child. Please print clearly. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.
- List the name of the school and grade (if applicable) that each child attends and check the box to confirm if the child is a student at the school.**
- Do you have any foster children?** If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. **Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application.** If you are only applying for foster children, after completing STEP 1, skip to STEP 4 of the application and these instructions.
- Are any children enrolled in a federal Head Start or Even Start Program in the school system?** If you believe any child listed in this section may meet this description, please mark the "Head Start" or "Even Start" box next to the child's name and **complete all steps of the application.**
- Are any children homeless or runaway?** If you believe any child listed in this section may meet this description, please mark the "Homeless or Runaway" box next to the child's name and **complete all steps of the application.**

**STEP 2: HOUSEHOLD MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN ONE OR MORE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – SNAP OR TFA (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MEDICAL OR HUSKY BENEFITS)**

If anyone in your household participates in the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or
- Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)

**A. IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:**

- Skip to STEP 3 on these instructions and STEP 3 on your application.
- Leave STEP 2 blank.

**B. IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:**

- Check off “Yes” and provide a case number for SNAP or TFA. You only need to write one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your DSS Social Worker. **Note: Do not use a HUSKY Medical Benefits Number since this number is not a SNAP or TFA case number. It is also recommended (but not required) that you submit proof of this SNAP or TFA case number when you submit the application for processing. Proof does NOT include a copy of the CONNECT card.**
- Skip to STEP 4.

**STEP 3. REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

- A. Report all income earned by children.** Refer to the chart titled “Sources of Income for Children” in these instructions and report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in Step 1 in your household in the box marked “Total Child Income.” Only count foster children’s income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household. It is optional for the household to list foster children living with them as part of the household.

**What is Child Income?**

Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid directly to your children. Many households do not have any child income. Use the chart below to determine if your household has child income to report.

**Sources of Income for Children**

Sources of Child Income	Examples
• Earnings from work	• A child has a job where they earn a salary or wages.
• Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Disability Payments</li> <li>◦ Survivor’s Benefits</li> </ul>	• 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.
• Income from persons outside the household	• A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money.
• Income from any other source	• A child receives income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust.

**FOR EACH ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER:**

**Who should I list here?**

When filling out this section, please include **all** members in your household who are:

- Living with you and share income and expenses, *even if not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.*

Do **not** include people who:

- Live with you but are not supported by your household's income **and** do not contribute income to your household.
- Children and students already listed in Step 1.

**How do I fill in the income amount and source?**

**FOR EACH TYPE OF INCOME:**

- Use the charts in this section to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in **gross income ONLY**. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
  - Gross income is the total income received before taxes or deductions.
  - Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has **NOT** been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will be counted as zeroes. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials have known or available information that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be verified for cause.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field. **Note:** Income must be listed as being received either: weekly; bi-weekly; 2 X month; or monthly. **Do not list income annually.**

**B. List Adult Household member's name.** Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." **Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.** If a child listed in STEP 1 has income, follow the instructions in STEP 3, part A.

**C. Report earnings from work.** Refer to the chart titled "Sources of Income for Adults" in these instructions and report all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.

**What if I am self-employed?**

If you are self-employed, report income from that work as a **net** amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.

**D. Report income from Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony.** Refer to the chart titled "Sources of Income for Adults" in these instructions and report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the value of any cash value public assistance benefits **NOT** listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only **court-ordered** payments should be reported here. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.

**E. Report income from Pensions/Retirement/All other income.** Refer to the chart titled “Sources of Income for Adults” in these instructions and report all income that applies in the “Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income” field on the application.

**F. Report total household size.** Enter the total number of household members in the field “Total Household Members (Children and Adults).” This number **MUST** be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household determines your income cutoff for free and reduced-price meals or free milk.

**G. Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.** The household’s primary wage earner or another adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. **You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number.** If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled “Check if no SS#.”

<b>Sources of Income for Adults</b>		
<b>Earnings from Work</b>	<b>Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support</b>	<b>Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary, wages, cash bonuses</li> <li>• <b>Net</b> income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>• Strike benefits</li> </ul> <p><b>If you are in the U.S. Military:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic pay and cash bonuses (<i>do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances</i>)</li> <li>• Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment benefits</li> <li>• Worker’s compensation</li> <li>• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li> <li>• Cash assistance from State or local government</li> <li>• Alimony payments</li> <li>• Child support payments</li> <li>• Veteran’s benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>• Private Pensions or disability</li> <li>• Income from trusts or estates</li> <li>• Annuities</li> <li>• Investment income</li> <li>• Earned interest</li> <li>• Rental income</li> <li>• <i>Regular</i> cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

**STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE**

**All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household.** By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. **Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.**

- A. Provide your contact information.** Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. **If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced-price school meals.** Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.
- B. Sign and print your name.** Print your name in the box “Printed name of adult completing the form” and sign your name in the box “Signature of adult completing the form.”
- C. Write Today’s Date.** In the space provided, write today’s date in the box.
- D. Share children’s Racial and Ethnic Identities (optional).** On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children’s race and ethnicity. **This field is optional and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals.**



SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Please sign for those additional benefits below if you are interested in receiving them. By signing for the benefits, you are certifying that you are the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom the application is being made. Note: Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals or free milk.

No! I do NOT want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application shared with any of these programs.

Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application with Fairfield Public Schools Summer School Principals (for fee waivers).

Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application with Fairfield Public Schools Principals (for prom tickets, caps/gowns).

Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application with Fairfield Public Schools Principals (for musical instruments).

Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application with Fairfield Public Schools Principals (for field trips).

Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application with Town of Fairfield, Recreation Department (for camp discounts).

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, complete the information below and sign the form. Your information will be shared only with the persons and applicable programs you checked.

Child's Name: School:

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: Date:

Printed Name:

Address:

For more information, you may call the Food Service Department at (203) 255-8370. Return this form along with your Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals to your child's school.

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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). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



## Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

Connecticut offers low-cost or free coverage!

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Is your child protected by health insurance? If not, your school and the State of Connecticut want to help. Connecticut's HUSKY Health program, for example, pays for doctor visits (including physical exams), prescriptions, emergency care, vision and dental care, mental health care, special healthcare needs and more. It's for children under age 19 in families of all incomes. Approximately 300,000 Connecticut children now have their health care covered by the HUSKY Health program.

There are two parts to the HUSKY Health program for children:

- I. **HUSKY A** (or Medicaid) - For children in families with limited income. Parents, relative caregivers and pregnant women may also be eligible.
- II. **HUSKY B** (or Children's Health Insurance Program) - For children in families with higher incomes.

To apply online, please visit [AccessHealthCT.com](http://AccessHealthCT.com). To apply by phone, please call 855-805-4325 (TTY: 855-789-2428). For general information about HUSKY Health, please visit [HuskyHealth.com](http://HuskyHealth.com). **You can apply for HUSKY A or HUSKY B any time of the year.**

**Open Enrollment 2016 begins November 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016.**

Most Connecticut residents will have to wait until the next open enrollment period to get health care coverage through Access Health CT. You may be able to get coverage earlier if you qualify for Medicaid (HUSKY A or D) or CHIP (HUSKY B) or if you have a **Qualifying Life Event**.

### What is a Qualifying Life Event?

Qualifying Events include\*:

- Getting Married
- Having or adopting a child
- Permanently moving to Connecticut from another state
- Losing other affordable, minimum Essential Health Benefits
- Having a change in income or household status

\*For more information visit [Learn.AccessHealthCT.com](http://Learn.AccessHealthCT.com)





**Information on SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
(formerly the Food Stamp Program)**

*Even more good nutrition news! If you qualify for free school meals, you might also qualify for SNAP!*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to make sure that everyone who may be eligible knows about **SNAP** (formerly called Food Stamps). SNAP helps people to buy food for themselves and their families. SNAP benefits are issued each month on plastic debit cards. You can use them to buy food at major supermarkets, neighborhood grocery stores, and some farmers' markets.

**HOW TO QUALIFY:**

Whether you qualify for SNAP depends on:

- your income;
- the number of people that you live with;
- certain types of assets such as money in the bank; and
- your monthly shelter expenses.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
1	\$1,800	\$21,600
2	\$2,425	\$29,100
3	\$3,052	\$36,624
4	\$3,678	\$44,136
5	\$4,303	\$51,636
6	\$4,930	\$59,160
Larger households = higher incomes		

**You can get SNAP benefits even if you own your home or a car.** The state will not place a lien on your home or your car if you get SNAP benefits.

If you have access to the Internet, you can go online to see if you might be eligible for SNAP. Go to [www.connect.ct.gov](http://www.connect.ct.gov) and click "Am I Eligible?"

**TO APPLY OR GET MORE INFORMATION:**

- 1) To find your local DSS office, call **United Way's free referral number 2-1-1** (free call statewide).
- 2) You can apply online at [www.connect.ct.gov](http://www.connect.ct.gov) and click "Apply for Benefits." Or, get the paper SNAP application in English or Spanish at [www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/pdfs/applications/w-1e.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/pdfs/applications/w-1e.pdf).
- 3) Or, you may contact one of these community health centers to enroll in SNAP!

<b>Community Health Services</b> Hartford  (860) 808-8786	<b>Community Health &amp; Wellness Center of Greater Torrington</b>  (860) 387-0448	<b>CIFC Greater Danbury Community Health Center</b>  (203) 743-0100, ext. 254	<b>Fair Haven Community Health Center</b> New Haven  (203) 777-7411, ext. 5082	<b>First Choice Health Centers</b> East Hartford, Manchester, Vernon  (860) 528-1359, ext. 241
<b>Generations Family Health Center</b> Willimantic, Norwich, Putnam  (860) 450-7471, ext. 6300	<b>Optimus Health Care</b> Bridgeport, Stamford, Stratford  (203) 696-3260, ext. 3326	<b>Southwest Community Health Center</b> Bridgeport  (203) 332-3542	<b>StayWell Health Center</b> Waterbury  (203) 756-8021, ext. 3814	<b>United Community &amp; Family Services</b> Norwich, New London, Plainfield, Jewett City  (860) 822-4353

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