

**US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
Public Release Announcement**

During program year 2022-2023, children or adults enrolled in a USDA participating child care center, family day care home or adult day care center may be eligible to receive Free and Reduced Price Meals benefits if your family's income qualifies. Emergency Shelters, At-Risk After School Care Centers, foster children, Head Start participants or a member of a household receiving SNAP, TANF or WIC assistance are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)**

FREE MEAL OR FREE MILK PRICE GUIDELINES (130%)			
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME (Equal to or Less Than)		
	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$17,677	1,473	\$340
2	23,803	1,984	458
3	29,939	2,495	576
4	36,075	3,007	694
5	42,211	3,518	812
6	48,347	4,029	930
7	54,483	4,541	1,048
8	60,619	5,052	1,166
For each additional Household member add	+ \$ 6,136	+ \$ 512	+ \$ 118
REDUCED PRICE GUIDELINES (185%)			
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME (Equal to or Less Than)		
	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$ 25,142	2,096	484
2	33,874	2,823	652
3	42,606	3,551	820
4	51,338	4,279	988
5	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	1,659
For each additional Household member add	+ \$ 8,732	+ \$728	+ \$ 168

An application is required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants (ex. SNAP). Children in the household of Assistance Program participants are eligible for free meal benefits, and this free benefit is extended to all children in the household.

When known to the LEA, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered under "Other Source Categorically Eligible" where the child is categorized or defined by law as foster, homeless, migrant, runaway, enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or enrolled in an eligible Kindergarten class. That designated child is free and the benefit is not extended to others.

A household may apply for benefits at any time during the fiscal year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk at any point during the fiscal year. Only one application is required for all children in the household attending centers. Only the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is needed when submitting the application. Information submitted on the application may be subject to verification.

Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Households with any member who is currently certified to receive Assistance Program benefits may submit an application with abbreviated information as indicated on the application and instructions.

A foster child is categorically eligible for free meals and may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.

An application for free and reduced price benefits cannot be approved unless complete eligibility information is submitted, as indicated on the application and in the instructions. A household may appeal the application decision, using the hearing procedure described in the centers free and reduced price policy statement.

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