

2020 - 2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals - VT Agency of Education

App #

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

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)

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.

| Child's First Name | MI | Child's Last Name | School Name | Grade | Student? | | Foster | | Homeless | |
|--------------------|----|-------------------|-------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Yes | No | Child | Runaway | Migrant | |
| | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: 3SquaresVT or Reach-Up?

If **NO** > Complete STEP 3. If **YES** > Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number: - -

STEP 3 Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2 and provided a Case Number)

Please read **How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals** for more information. The **Sources of Income for Children** section will help you with the **Child Income** question. The **Sources of Income for Adults** section will help you with the **All Adult Household Members** section.

- A. Child Income** Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all Children listed in STEP 1 here, if applicable. See back for more information.
- 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 for 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.

Child Income

| Weekly | Bi-Weekly | 2x Month | Monthly |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |

| Name Adult Household Members (First & Last) | Earnings from Work | Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony | | | | Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income |
|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Weekly | Bi-Weekly | 2x Month | Monthly | |
| | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| | \$ <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wager 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."

Signature of adult completing the form Printed name of adult completing the form Today's date Cell Phone Number

Street Address (if available) Apt # City State Zip Email (optional)

Other Benefits: For information on free or low-cost health insurance contact Green Mountain Care at 1-800-250-8427 or www.GreenMountainCare.org. For information on 3SquaresVT to help with food costs, call 1-800-479-6151 or visit www.vermontfoodhelp.com.

Do Not Fill Out For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income Frequency

| Frequency | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Weekly | Bi-Weekly | 2x Month | Monthly | Yearly |

 Household Size Categorical Eligibility

Eligibility

| Free | Reduced | Denied |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Determining Official's Signature Date Confirming Official's Signature Date Verifying Official's Signature Date

| Sources of Income for Children | |
|---|---|
| Sources of Child Income | Example(s) |
| - Earnings from work | - A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages |
| - 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 |
| - 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 |

| Sources of Income for Adults | | |
|--|---|---|
| Earnings from Work | Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support | Pensions / Retirement /All Other Income |
| - 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 |

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

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

| Household Size | Yearly | Monthly | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
|---|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | 23,606 | 1,968 | 984 | 908 | 454 |
| 2 | 31,894 | 2,658 | 1,329 | 1,227 | 614 |
| 3 | 40,182 | 3,349 | 1,675 | 1,546 | 773 |
| 4 | 48,470 | 4,040 | 2,020 | 1,865 | 933 |
| 5 | 56,758 | 4,730 | 2,365 | 2,183 | 1,092 |
| 6 | 65,046 | 5,421 | 2,711 | 2,502 | 1,251 |
| 7 | 73,334 | 6,112 | 3,056 | 2,821 | 1,411 |
| 8 | 81,622 | 6,802 | 3,401 | 3,140 | 1,570 |
| For each additional household member, add | 8,288 | 691 | 346 | 319 | 160 |

The chart to the left shows the reduced price guidelines. Your children may qualify for free OR for reduced price school meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

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 (3SquaresVT), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Reach-Up) 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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