

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020**

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$319	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	22,412	1,868	431	31,894	2,658	614
3	28,236	2,353	543	40,182	3,349	773
4	34,060	2,839	655	48,470	4,040	933
5	39,884	3,324	767	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	45,708	3,809	879	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	51,532	4,295	991	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	57,356	4,780	1,103	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each add'l member	+ 5,824	+ 486	+ 112	+ 8,288	+ 691	+ 160

Family/Household means a group of people who may or may not be related and who do not live in an institution or a boarding house, but who are living as one economic group. Students who are temporarily away at school should be counted as members of the family; however, students who are full-time residents of an institution are considered a family of one.

Gross Income means income before deductions for income taxes, employee's social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, bonds, etc. It includes the following:

1. Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions, or fees;
2. Net income from non-farm self-employment;
3. Net income from farm self-employment;
4. Social security;
5. Dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts;
6. Net rental income;
7. Public assistance or welfare payments;
8. Unemployment compensation;
9. Government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions, or veterans payments;
10. Private pensions or annuities;
11. Alimony or child support payments;
12. Regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
13. Net royalties; and
14. Other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

Income does not include any income or benefits received under any Federal program, which are excluded from consideration as income by any legislative prohibition.

In a household where there is income from wages and self-employment and the self-employment reflects a negative net income, consider that income as zero so as not to offset the wages earned.

In applying guidelines, the family's current rate of income should be used in determining eligibility.

Current Income is defined as income received during the month prior to application if such income is representative. Where the prior month's income was much higher or lower than usual, expected income for this year (12 months starting from the prior month) may be used; for example, self-employed people, farmers, and migrant workers.

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

Foster Children whose care and placement is the responsibility of the State, or who is placed by a court with a caretaker household, is categorically eligible for free meals and may be certified without an application. Households with foster and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income earned by the foster child on the same household application that includes the non-foster children. Foster children on the DC list are free eligible. Foster children cannot extend eligibility to household members.

Institutionalized Children are considered a one-member family and only monies the child actually receives and controls shall be considered as income for determining eligibility.

Adopted Children for whom a household has accepted legal responsibility is considered to be a member of that household. If the adoption is a "subsidized" adoption, which may include children with special needs, the subsidy is included in the total household income.

Because some adopted children were first placed in families as foster children, parents may not be aware that, once the child is adopted, he/she must be determined eligible based on the economic unit and all income available to that household, including any adoption assistance, is counted when making eligibility determination.

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. 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 the Immaculate Conception School; 636-583-2641.

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:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income; • In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth; • Students attending Immaculate Conception School, regardless of age. 		
List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. 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.	Building name/Grade. If child is a student, list building name and grade.	Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. <u>Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application.</u> If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.
Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and <u>complete all steps of the application.</u>		
STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP, TANF, OR FDP/IR?		
NOT APPLICABLE – do not complete		
STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS		
How do I report my income?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the charts titled "<u>Sources of Income for Adults</u>" and "<u>Sources of Income for Children</u>," printed on the back side of the application form 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gross income is the total income received before taxes ○ 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. 		
(Information follows on the reverse side.)		

Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.

- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your 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.

3.B REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are 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.
 - Infants, Children and students already listed in STEP 1.

List adult household members' names.

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.

Report earnings from work. Report all total gross 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? 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.

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

Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income.

Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income" field on the application.

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 affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

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.

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.

Print and sign your name and write today's date.
Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of adult."

Mail Completed Form to: Immaculate Conception School, 6 West State Street, Union, MO 63084.

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.

2020-2021 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Date Received by LEA (LEA use only)

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		Building Name		Grade		How often? Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Monthly Monthly		Foster Child Runaway	
	Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)		Total Household Members (Children and Adults)		City		State		Zip		Signature of adult completing the form		Date	

STEP 2

STEP 3

Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL gross income earned by all children listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income \$ _____

How often? Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Monthly 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 not receive income, report gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) 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		How often?		Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony		How often?		Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income		How often?	
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Monthly	Monthly
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									\$			
									\$			

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature

Immaculate Conception School: 6 West State Street Union, MO 63084

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 _____

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: WEEKLY X 52, EVERY 2 WEEKS X 26, TWICE A MONTH X 24, MONTHLY X 12 (USE ONLY IF MULTIPLE FREQUENCY)

Per: Week Every 2 Weeks Twice a Month Month Year

Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied Reason: _____ Date withdrawn: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date Approved/Denied: _____

Confirming Official's Signature (For verification purposes only): _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- Income from person outside the household	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust
- Income from any other source	

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary, wages, cash bonuses - Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Identifiers

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. If ethnicity/race is not selected, a visual identification will be determined.

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, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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

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