### Form Instructions

**Children’s Name and Race/ethnicity (Optional):**

- **Date:** [Enter date]
- Complete this form. Federal law requires respondents to give complete and accurate information. False statements and/or omissions may be grounds for dismissal from school. This form is for completion of school application and must not be submitted to the school district.

**Income and Benefits:**

- **Income Source:** [Enter income source]
- **Amount:** [Enter amount]
- **Regular Income:** [Enter regular income]
- **Emergency Income:** [Enter emergency income]
- **Total Income:** [Enter total income]

- **Benefits:** [Check applicable boxes]
  - [ ] Food Stamps
  - [ ]ither Medicare
  - [ ] SSDI
  - [ ] TANF

**Household Members:**

- **Number:** [Enter number]
- **Class:** [Enter class]
- **Yes/No:** [Enter yes/no]

**Remarks:**

- [Enter remarks]

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**District of Columbia Public Schools**

**Apply Online:** [Enter online application link]
Dear DCPS Parent/Guardian:

Your child’s school offers nutritious, appetizing breakfasts and lunches each school day through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; most schools also offer a light snack or supper to students attending Afterschool programming. The DCPS Family Application for Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snacks/Meals (FARM) supports the DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services providing students with high-quality meals through federal meal reimbursement.

For school year 2018-19, 84 DCPS schools have been certified as Community Eligible, allowing all children at those schools to receive lunch meals at no charge. Breakfast and Afterschool Snack Supper are free for all students. Households in which all students attend Community Eligible schools are not required to submit a FARM application for 2018-19. For a list of Community Eligible schools, please see http://dcps.dc.gov/food.

Please complete one application for all students that attend DCPS in your household every school year, even if they attend different DCPS schools. This does not include Charter Schools. Return your application to your youngest child’s school that accepts applications. Do not return to a school that does not accept applications or a Charter School. You may also complete your household application online through a secure e-form at http://dcps.dc.gov/farm.

All students classified as “reduced” will receive free lunch meals. Elementary students classified as “paid” or who have not submitted a FARM application for 2018-19 will be charged $2.80 for lunch. Secondary students classified as “paid” or who have not submitted a FARM application for 2018-19 will be charged $3.30 for lunch.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- If my child(ren) do not qualify for free or reduced price meals and I do not want to provide my information, do I still need to submit a meal application?
  Yes. Complete Part 1, check the “REFUSAL OF BENEFITS” box in Part 2 and sign and date the form in Part 5. Return the form to your youngest child’s school that accepts applications. Do not return it to a school that does not accept applications or a Charter School.

- Do I need to fill out an application for each child?
  No. Complete one application for all students that attend DCPS in your household every school year, even if they attend different DCPS schools. This does not include Charter Schools. Return application to your youngest child’s school that accepts applications. Do not return to a school that does not accept applications or a Charter School.

- Who can get free meals?
  All children in households in which one or more members receive assistance from SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Children can also qualify for free meals if their household gross income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children in households receiving WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

- Can foster, homeless, runaway or migrant children get free meals?
  Yes. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of household income. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals.

- My child’s application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?
  Yes. Your child’s application is only good for that school year and until September 30, 2018. You must send in a new application unless your child attends a Community Eligible school.

- Will the information I give be checked?
  The information on the application may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send documentation to verify the information provided on the application.

2018-2019 Family Application for Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Meals

In Part 1, what kind of a member of my household?
You must include all adults living in your household, related or not (e.g., grandparents, infants, friends) with whom you share income or expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (i.e., 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), they do not need to be listed.

- If you have household income changes, may I reapply for meals?
  Yes. If the size of your household increases, someone in your household begins receiving state assistance, or if your household income increases or decreases you should reapply for meal benefits.

- What if I disagree with the school’s decision about my application?
  Contact the DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 1200 First Street NE, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, (202) 205-2159.

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART For School Year 2018-2019

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**The above income chart is based on the Federal Income Eligibility guidelines for reduced meals. Per the DC Healthy Schools Act, households meeting federal reduced price meal qualifications, or less, are eligible to receive FREE meals.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: This explains how we will use the Information you give us. 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 are 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 other DCPS programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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