





A Guide to Creating Free/Reduced Applications Using MealTime Apply Online

Note: Apply Online uses these arrow symbols   to enable you to navigate through your application. After each step below, click the right-facing arrow to move forward to the next step. Click the left-facing arrow if you need to return to a previous page.

Creating and Submitting a New Application

1. Open your internet browser and go to www.mymealtime.com/apps. (Your student’s school or district may have provided a link to Apply Online from their website.)







2. If you already have a My MealTime account, use the same Username and Password to log into MealTime Apply Online. If you have forgotten your Username or Password, click the 'Forgot password?' link. If you have not yet created an account, click the 'Create new profile' link.

Note: This page can be viewed in Spanish by clicking the 'En Español' link.

- To create a new application, click the 'New Application' button. To return to an application that has already been started, click 'Application in Progress'. You can view past applications by clicking the 'Past Applications' button.

Apply for your student's free and reduced price meals here. Click below to start or resume an application. When you're finished, we'll make sure to securely deliver it to your school district. To see applications you submitted earlier, click on Past Applications below.

| New Application | Application in Progress | Past Applications |
|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |
| Start your new application for this school year. | Currently you have no unfinished applications. | Currently you have no Past Applications. |
| Start an Application | | |

- Select your State and the school or school district your students attend. When finished, click the right-facing arrow. 

Select the District Your Students Attend...

In order for your application to be submitted correctly, we must identify the school district your students attend.

Select your state first, then your school district.

State:

District:



5. Click the 'Information on Free and Reduced Price Meals' link to get information from your School or District. It will open on a new browser tab.

Learn About Your Application...

Understanding the free and reduced price meals application process helps you complete your application more quickly and accurately. Please take the time to read the information your school district has provided by clicking the links below.

- [Information on Free and Reduced Price Meals](#) [School District](#)

If you have not already done so, please review the *MealTime Applications* [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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6. Select the application type for your household. .

Choose Your Application Type...

The information we collect for your free and reduced price meals application can vary depending on your household situation.

Please select your application type from the list below.

For **Any Household with Any Members Receiving SNAP**, TANF, or FDIPIR Assistance**


For all other Households

**SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)

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 FDIPIR 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.



Step One

7. In Step One, you will add one or more students to your applications. This first page provides an overview of the information needed to add your student(s) to an application. Please read the information. When finished, click the right-facing arrow. 

Step One - Your Student's Information...

 - Step One of Four

In this step we will ask a few basic questions about each student in your household.

In this step you will enter:

- The name of the school each of your students attends
- The student ID number assigned to each student by your school district
- Information about any regular income each student receives (if any)

You should be able to complete this step in just a minute or two per student.

Let's get started!



8. Enter the student's first name and student ID number.

Note: The student ID number can be obtained from the office at your student's school or district. For confidentiality reasons, MealTime cannot provide this ID to parents.

Add a Student to Your Application...

Simply enter the student's first name and his/her school district assigned ID number below.

First Name:

Student ID:



9. Enter the student's birthdate. From the drop-down list, select the school they attend, and select their grade. If your student qualifies as a Foster, Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway child, select accordingly. If not, select 'None'.

Add Student Information...

The information below will help ensure your student is properly identified. Please enter the birthdate, school, grade and choose a status for Heidi below:

Birthdate:

 / / (mm/dd/yyyy)

School:

Grade:

Does this student qualify as

Foster Homeless Migrant Runaway None

If you have questions regarding your student's status, please contact your school district for assistance:
School District



10. If the student has an income, enter it here along with the frequency this income is earned. If they do not earn an income, select 'No Income'.

Note: Income from other household members should **not** be included in this section.

Add Student Income Information...

It is important that you enter the amount of any gross income Heidi receives and how often in the appropriate row below. All gross income Heidi received as of last month should be listed.

If Heidi has no income at all, check the 'No Income' box below.

Earnings From Work Before Deductions:
 \$ / -- How Often -- No Income

Welfare, Child Support, Alimony:
 \$ / -- How Often --

Pensions, Retirement, Social Security:
 \$ / -- How Often --

All Other Income:
 \$ / -- How Often --



11. Review the information for the student you added. If you have additional students to add, click the 'Add Another Student' button.

Review Students...

Please review the list of students below. It must include all students living in your household who **do not** receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR assistance.

Continue adding students using the 'Add Another Student' button. When your list of students is complete, click the blue arrow button to move to the next step.

| Student's Name | School | Status | Annual Income | |
|----------------|------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Heidi | Willamette High School | None | No Income | <input type="button" value="Edit"/> |



Step Two

12. In Step Two you will be entering all non-student household members that live at your residence. Each household member should be entered individually with their individual income.

Step Two - Your Household Information...

 - Step Two of Four

In this step we will ask questions about each person living in your household... but **don't include the students you entered previously**. Remember to include yourself, and any other persons living in your home...related or not (grandparents, other relatives, and friends for example.)

In this step you will enter:

- Each household member's name
- Each household member's income
- How often each household member's income is received

You should be able to complete this step in just a minute or two per household member.

If you need to change some information in the previous section, don't worry. You will have a chance to edit it later.



13. Enter the information for the first household member.

Add a Household Member...

Please enter the first, middle, and last names of the adult household member who will be signing this application.

First Name:
Jane
Middle Name:

Last Name:
Abbott



14. Enter the household member's income and frequency. If they have no income, select 'No Income'.

Enter Household Member Income...

It is very important that you enter the amount of any gross income Sally receives and how often in the appropriate row below. All gross income Sally received as of last month should be listed.

If Sally has no income at all, check the 'No Income' box below.

Earnings From Work Before Deductions:

\$ / -- How Often --

No Income

Welfare, Child Support, Alimony:

\$ / -- How Often --

Pensions, Retirement, Social Security:

\$ / -- How Often --

All Other Income:

\$ / -- How Often --



15. Review the information for the household member you added. If you have additional household members to add, click 'Add another household member'.

Review Household Members...

Please review the list of household members below. It must include all **non-students** living in your household.

Continue adding household members using the 'Add another household member' button. When your list of household members is complete, click the blue arrow button to move to the next step.

| Person's Name | Annual Income | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sally Smith | \$24,000.00 | <input type="button" value="Edit"/> |



Step Three

16. In Step Three, you will enter the general information required to complete the application. The first page explains what information is required.

Step Three - General Information...

- Step Three of Four

In this step we will ask you for some general information about your household.

You will be entering your:

- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Social security number
- Optional race and ethnicity information
- Total number of people in your household

You should be able to complete this step in two to five minutes.

If you need to change some information in the previous sections, don't worry. You will have a chance to edit it later.



17. From the drop-down list, select the adult family member who will sign the application. Enter the remaining information.

Add Household Information...

Select the name of the adult household member who will sign this application and enter as much of the other household information as possible.

Signing Adult:
Sally Smith

Mailing Address:
123 Any Street

Apt./Ste:
55

City:
Anytown

State:
Oregon

Zip:
97223

Phone Number:
123 - 555 - 1234

What is the total number of people in your household (children and adults):
2



18. Enter either the last four digits of the signer's Social Security Number. If they do not have one, select 'No Social Security Number'.

Add Application Signer's SSN...

If Sally Smith has a Social Security Number, enter the last four digits of it in the space provided below. If Sally **does not** have a social security number, check the 'No Social Security Number' box.

Social Security Number:
XXX - XX -

- or -

No Social Security Number



19. The selection of Race and Ethnicity Information is optional.

Add Optional Race and Ethnicity Information...

Please review the list of items below and check any items applicable to the students on your application. NOTE: 'The Student Racial and Ethnic Group' sections are optional and do not affect eligibility.

Student Racial and Ethnic Group (Optional)

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian
- White
- Race Other

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino





20. If your school district offers additional benefit such as Medical Programs, Field Trips, etc., then select the appropriate benefit(s). Then, select the student(s) who will receive these benefit(s).

Select Additional Benefits...

Yes, for the specific opportunities checked below, I want the Meal Benefits Office to share my child's name and eligibility status (approved for free or reduced price meal benefits) with the administrator at my child's school to determine my child's eligibility for:

- Medical Programs (e.g. eye glasses/dental)
- Before or After school programs fee waiver/reduction
- Field trips fee waiver/reduction
- Instructional materials (e.g. workbooks) fee waiver/reduction
- Student body card fee waiver/reduction (Middle or High School)

| | Student Name | Birthdate | Student ID Number | School |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

Step Four

21. In Step Four, you will sign and submit your applications. This first page provides an overview of the confirmation and submission information required to complete and submit your application.

Step Four - Confirmation and Submission...

 - Step Four of Four

The next page is a summary of all application information you have entered so far. Review the information carefully to confirm it is correct (you will be able to edit it if needed.)

Once the information is correct, the **adult signing this application must enter his/her full name twice** (once in each of the signature boxes.) This will serve as the 'digital signature' for the application.



22. Upon completion of the application, the signer will be prompted to digitally sign the application by entering their name twice. Enter the signer's name exactly as spelled under the Signing Adult.

Confirm and sign your student's "Free and Reduced Price Meals" application for Bethel School District below:

| Children in School | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|
| Student's Name | School | Status | Birthdate | SNAP/TANF # |
| Heidi | Willamette High School | None | | |

| Household Member Income | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Household Member Name | Earnings from work before deductions | Welfare, Child Support, Alimony | Pensions, retirement, Social Security | All Other income | No Income |
| Heidi | | | | | No Income |
| Sally Smith | \$1,000.00 / Twice a month | | | | |

Signature and Household Information

An adult household member must sign the application. If the Household Member Income section is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement.) I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Signing Adult:
Sally Smith

Social Security Number:
[not provided]

Mailing Address:
123 Any Street
55
Anytown, Oregon 97223

Phone Number:
123-555-1234

Total Household Members:
2

I have read and understand the paragraph above.

Signature: (signing adult enters name here)

Confirm Signature: (signing adult enters name again here)

Student Racial and Ethnic Group (Optional)

Mark one or more racial identities:

Asian American Indian Black or African American
 White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Race Other

Mark one ethnic identity:

Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Note: Clicking 'Submit Now' will prompt the message below. Clicking 'Submit Later' will save the application for future submission.

23. If you clicked 'Submit Now' in the previous step, the message below will display. Click 'Yes' to confirm. Click 'No' to return to the previous step.

Are you sure you want to submit this application?

Once this application is submitted to your district you will not be able to edit or 'unsubmit' it. To make changes you will need to submit a new application.

Submit the application?

24. Once an application has successfully been submitted, the signer will have the option to do any of the following:

Your Free and Reduced Price Meals Application Has Been Submitted

Your Free and Reduced Price Meals Application is now available to your school district's Approval Determining Official. In most cases your school district will notify you of the Application's status within 10 business days.

- [View or Print This Application](#)
- [Submit a New Application](#)
- [MealTime Applications Home](#)
- [MealTime Online Home](#)

25. If you would like to view or print your application click View or Print this Application. See example below.

| Children in School | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|--|
| Student's Name | School | Teacher | Birthdate | SNAP/TANF # | |
| Lance D Abbott | CJM Valley View School | No | 11/1/1992 | | |

| Household Member Income | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Household Member Name | Earnings from work before deductions | Yr/sem, Child Support, Alimony | Pensions, retirement, Social Security | All Other income | No Income |
| Lance D Abbott | | | | | No Income |
| Jane Abbott | \$1,200.00 / Once a month | | | | |

Signatures and Household Information

An adult household member must sign the application. If the Household Member Income section is completed, the adult signing the form must also be his or her Social Security Number or work that "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement.) I declare (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Signing Adult: Jane Abbott
Social Security Number: 555-XX-2299
Mailing Address: 123 any street, Portland, Oregon 97001
Phone Number: 543-456-7890

Signature: Jane Abbott

Student Racial and Ethnic Group

Mark one or more racial identities:

Asian American Indian Black or African American
 White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Race Other

Mark one ethnic identity:

Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Application# _____
Permission to Share 2008/2009 Confidential Meal Eligibility Status

DID YOU KNOW? Your child may be eligible to receive other benefits provided by the school district if he or she is approved for Free or Reduced-price meals.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

If you are interested in the possibility of additional benefits for your child, the district must have your permission to share your child's name and meal eligibility status (i.e. approved for Free, or Reduced Price meals), with the other programs that offer benefits.

You may give permission to the district to release your child's name and meal eligibility status for All opportunities listed below (Option 1), or for only Specific opportunities (Option 2). **Returning this form will not change whether your child receives free or reduced price school meals.**

If you do NOT want to give permission for your child's name and meal eligibility information to be released, STOP HERE and do NOT complete this form. Your child's eligibility status for free or reduced price school meals will not be shared.

Yes, for ONLY the specific opportunities checked below, I want the Meal Benefits Office to share my child's name and eligibility status (approved for free or reduced price meal benefits) with the administrator at my child's school to determine my child's eligibility for:

- Medical Programs (e.g. eye glasses/dental)
- Before or After school programs: fee waiver/reduction
- Field trips: fee waiver/reduction
- Instructional material: (e.g. consumable workbooks) fee waiver/reduction
- Student body card fee waiver/reduction (Middle or High School)

The Meal Benefits Office will only share our child's confidential eligibility information with the school administrator in charge of the opportunities you selected.

| Student Name | Birthdate MM/DD/YYYY | Student ID Number | School |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 1. _____ | / / | | |
| 2. _____ | / / | | |
| 3. _____ | / / | | |
| 4. _____ | / / | | |
| 5. _____ | / / | | |

Please list additional student names on a separate sheet and attach to this document.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Required to process request

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
Required to process request

Current Phone Number: _____
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