

2023 - 2024 First State Montessori Academy Meal Benefit Form

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	Grade	Student? Yes No	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR?

If NO > Go to STEP 3.

If YES > Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

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

Are you unsure what income to include here?

Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.

The "Sources of Income for Children" chart will help you with the Child Income section.

The "Sources of Income for Adults" chart will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

**A. Child Income**

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income

\$

How often?

Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month 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 receive income, report total 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 Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	
	\$															
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member

X X X X X X

Check if no SSN

**STEP 4**    **Contact information and adult signature. Liz Madden First State Montessori Academy 1000 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801**

"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."

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street Address (if available)	Apt #	City	State	Zip	Daytime Phone and Email (optional)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>		
Printed name of adult signing the form	Signature of adult			Today's date		

**STEP 5**    **DE State Children's Health Care Program**

☐ NO! **I DO NOT** want information from my Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). For more information about DECHIP, call: 1-800-996-9969. **IF YOU DO NOT CHECK THIS BOX, YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH MEDICAID AND/OR DECHIP.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**    **Sources of Income**

Sources of Income for Children		Sources of Income for Adults		
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages	- Salary, wages, cash bonuses	- Unemployment benefits	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disability Payments</li><li>- Survivor's Benefits</li></ul>	- 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	- 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	- Worker's compensation	- Private pensions or disability benefits
- Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money		- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	- Regular income from trusts or estates
- Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust		- Cash assistance from State or local government	- Annuities
			- Alimony payments	- Investment income
			- Child support payments	- Earned interest
			- Veteran's benefits	- Rental income
			- Strike benefits	- 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    ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    ☐ Black or African American    ☐ Asian    ☐ 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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. 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, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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**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**

How often?

Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Household Size**

**Categorical Eligibility** ☐

Eligibility:

Free	Reduced	Denied
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Determining Official's Signature**

**Date**

**Confirming Official's Signature**

**Date**

**Verifying Official's Signature**

**Date**