

**CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Family Day Care Home-Parent)
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY LETTER
(FAMILY DAY CARE HOME – PARENT)**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled at a family day care home. The family day care home offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form. The information will be kept confidential and only available to staff directly connected with administering the CACFP. The participant in the family day care home may qualify for tier I benefits if your household income falls within the limits on this chart:

Household size	Yearly
1	\$23,606
2	\$31,894
3	\$40,182
4	\$48,470
5	\$56,758
6	\$65,046
7	\$73,334
8	\$81,622
Each additional person:	\$ 8,288

If a child or a child’s parent is participating in or subsidized under a Federally or State program with an income eligibility limit that does not exceed the eligibility standard for free or reduced price meals, meals served to the child are automatically eligible for tier I reimbursement, subject to the completion of the application.

Section 333 of the Act amends section 17(f)(3)(A)(iii)(III) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1766(f)(3)(A)(iii)(III)] to allow tier II family child care home providers in the CACFP to assist in the transmission of household income information from families of enrolled children to their sponsors. Previously, if permitted by the State agency and the sponsors, tier II providers could distribute income eligibility forms to the households of enrolled children in their care, but it was the responsibility of the sponsors to collect the forms from the households. [7 C.F.R. §226.18(12)]. Under the Act, tier II family child care home providers now have specific authority to collect the household income eligibility forms from households and transmit the forms to their sponsors. However, if tier II family child care home providers wish to collect and transmit household information, the providers or the sponsors must ensure that each household knows:

- The household is not required to complete the income eligibility form in order for their children to participate in CACFP; and
- Households have the option, if they choose to complete the income eligibility form, of either:
 - Returning the form directly to the sponsor at the address indicated on the form; or
 - Returning the form to the provider with written consent allowing the provider to collect the form and transmit it to the sponsor on the household’s behalf (✓ **the box in the “Written Consent” section on the reverse side of this form if you want the provider submit your application to the sponsor for you).**

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 the participant 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 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 for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier 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 the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

Non-discrimination Statement (This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly): “In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider.”

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM

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Name of Provider: _____

Part 1. All Household Members - including Residential Children: Request additional sheet if necessary.

Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT). * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 4 TO SIGN THIS FORM.		CHECK IF NO INCOME
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adult Household Member #1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Household Member #2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Household Member #3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child #1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child #2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child #3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child #4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2. Benefits: If any member of your household received SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits and skip to part 4. **If no one receives these benefits, skip to part 3.**

NAME: _____ CASE NUMBER: _____

Part 3. Total Household Gross Income (income before deductions) —You must tell us how much and how often:

A. Name (List only household members with income)	B. Gross income and how often it is received: identify weekly, every other week, monthly, yearly...			
	1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	4. All Other Income
	how much/how often	how much/how often	how much/how often	how much/how often
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____
	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____

Part 4. Signature and Last Four Digits of Social Security Number): An adult household member must sign this form. **If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or write the word None if the signer doesn't have a Social Security Number.** (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)

I certify that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number: * * * - * * - _____ (If none write the word "NONE") _____

Part 5. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call your school, homeless liaison, or migrant coordinator Homeless Migrant Runaway

Part 6. Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional):

Mark one ethnic identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	Mark one or more racial identities: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
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Written Consent (√ the box): **I WANT the provider to collect this form and transmit it to the sponsor on my behalf.**

Don't fill out this part. This is for official use only:

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

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Eligibility: Tier I _____ Tier II _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Complete this part for your children if you are currently receiving benefits from any of the following programs. Check all that applies and provide case numbers (attach this form to the Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form):

	<u>Case Number</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Employment & Training (SNA E&T)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care and Development Block Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Women, Infant, Children (WIC) Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality First (First Things First)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> DES Child Care Administration	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start / Early Head Start	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> National School Lunch (NSLP)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Milk Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> S.O.B.R.A Children Age Birth – 19 (AHCCCS)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance & Health Insurance (AHCCCS)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expense Deduction (MED) (AHCCCS)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Crisis Services Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization Assistance Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Grandparent Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> DES Utility & Telephone Discount Programs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifeline Telephone Discount Program	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Assistance Program for the Medically Needy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Telephone Discount Program	_____

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____