

2017–18 HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
Meridian School District #505

Complete, sign, and return this application to: **YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL OFFICE OR MERIDIAN FOOD SERVICE at 861 TEN MILE RD LYNDEN, WA 98264**

Check here if you received meal benefits last year:

1. List **all students** living with you that are attending school. If the student is a foster child, homeless, or migrant, indicate this by placing an “x” in the appropriate box. Include any personal income received by the student and make an “x” in the correct box for how often it is received.

| Student’s Last Name | Student’s First Name | MI | Homeless | Migrant | Foster | Date of Birth | School | Grade | Student Income | Weekly | Bi-weekly | 2 X Month | Monthly |
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2. If any Household Members (including yourself) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs, please write in a case number. If no, go to step 3.

Basic Food TANF FDIPIR Case Number: _____

3. List the names of all other household members - Enter income (in whole dollars) and CHECK how often it is received. If a household member does not receive income, write 0. If you enter 0 or leave the income sections blank, you are promising there is no income to report. If a case number is listed in step 2, skip step 3.

| Names of ALL other household members (do not include students listed above) | Foster | Earnings from work (before any deductions) | Income Frequency | | | | Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony | Income Frequency | | | | Pensions/ Retirement/ Social Security (SSI) | Income Frequency | | | | Any Other Income Not Already Listed | Income Frequency | | | |
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4. Total Household Members (include all people living in your household): Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Check if no SSN:
 (total listed must equal number of household members listed above) Primary Wage Earner or Other Household Member

5. Contact Information & Signature – 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.

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| Printed Name of Adult Household Member | Mailing Address | E-mail Address |
| Adult Household Member Signature | City, State & Zip Code | Date |
| | Daytime Phone | |

6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)

Mark one or more racial identities:

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

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino

7. Other Benefits – Please check the box in front of the programs that you wish to share your child's free or reduced price meal status with in order to qualify for a reduction in fees:

- Running Start _____ College Bound _____ Athletic / Sports fees _____

By signing below, I allow the information contained on this application to be shared with the other program(s) I have indicated.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

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 (Basic Food), 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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ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: Weekly x 52; Bi-Weekly x 26; Twice per month x 24; Monthly x 12. (Do **NOT** convert to annual income unless household reports multiple pay frequencies).

LEA APPROVAL: Basic Food/TANF/FDPIR/Foster Total Household Size _____ Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x per Month Monthly Annual
 Income Household Total Household Income \$ _____

APPLICATION APPROVED FOR: Free Meals **APPLICATION DENIED BECAUSE:** Income Over Allowed Amount Other: _____
 Reduced-Price Meals Incomplete/Missing Information

 Date Notice Sent

 Signature of Approving Official

 Date