

HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS: 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Mesa Public Schools takes part in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs and offers a choice of healthy meals every school day. Breakfast is available for students in Elementary for \$1.50, Junior High School for \$1.75, and High School for \$1.75. Lunch is available to students in Elementary for \$2.25, Junior High School for \$3.00, and High School for \$3.50. Eligible students may receive meals free or at a reduced price - breakfast for free and/or lunch for \$0.40. Please allow up to 10 working days for your application to be processed and eligibility determined. You will be notified by mail the result of the application. If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the application form, please do not hesitate to call your school cafeteria or Food & Nutrition Department, (480) 472-0918.

HOW TO FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION - PLEASE PRINT NEATLY WITH BLUE OR BLACK INK. PLEASE USE CAPITAL LETTERS. COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD.

DO NOT USE PENCIL OR COLORED INK TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.

STEP 1: LIST ALL MPS STUDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12). For each student, print their birthdate, first name, last name, grade and school. Use one line of the application for each student. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more students present than lines on the application, attach a second application with all required information for the additional students.

If any students listed are foster children, check the "Foster Child" box. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are only applying for foster children, complete STEP 1 and then skip to STEP 5 on the application and follow the instructions from STEP 5.

If you believe any student listed in this section may be Homeless, Migrant or Runaway check the appropriate box and complete all steps of the application.

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (INCLUDING ADULTS) CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)? If anyone in your household participates in the assistance programs listed, your children are eligible for free school meals. Enter a current Arizona case number, and go to STEP 5.

STEP 3: REPORT TOTAL COMBINED GROSS INCOME FOR ALL STUDENTS LISTED IN STEP 1
Report the **combined gross income** for ALL students listed in STEP 1. Include foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household. It is optional for the household to list foster children living with them as part of the household.

STEP 4: REPORT TOTAL GROSS INCOME FOR ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (INCLUDING YOURSELF)
List All Other Household member's names and income. Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.

Report total household size. This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 4.

Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If no adult household member has a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

STEP 5: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE.
All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household and included on the application. Fill in today's date, sign and provide your contact information.

OPTIONAL: SHARE CHILDREN'S RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITIES.
This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals.

INCOMPLETE, ILLEGIBLE, OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL DELAY MEAL BENEFITS

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Use the income chart below to see if you qualify for the free or reduced price meal program.

Effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Household Members	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$484
2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$652
3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$1,776	\$1,639	\$820
4	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$2,140	\$1,975	\$988
5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$2,503	\$2,311	\$1,156
6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$2,867	\$2,647	\$1,324
7	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$3,231	\$2,983	\$1,492
8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$3,595	\$3,318	\$1,659
For EACH additional household member add:					
	\$8,732	\$728	\$364	\$336	\$168

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 o Disability Payments o Survivor's Benefits	• 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)	• Worker's compensation	• Private pensions or disability benefits
• Income from persons outside the household	• A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money	If you are in the U.S. Military: • Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)	• Cash assistance from State or local government	• Regular income from trusts or estates
• Income from any other source	• A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust	• Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing	• Alimony payments	• Annuities
			• Child support payments	• Investment income
			• Veteran's benefits	• Earned interest
			• Strike benefits	• Rental income
			• Adoption assistance payments	• Regular cash payments from outside household

Child Income is money received from outside your household that is paid directly to your children.
Many households do not have any child income.

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 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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