

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children get free or reduced price school meals, they may also be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Children with health insurance are more likely to get regular health care and are less likely to miss school because of sickness.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, *the law allows us to tell Medicaid and CHIP that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, unless you tell us not to.* Medicaid and CHIP only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children. Filling out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or CHIP, fill out the form below and send in. (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals).

**O** **No! I DO NOT** want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you checked no, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is NOT shared for the children listed below: Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

For more information, you may contact Ms. Patricia Lugo, School Business Administrator, 781-815-1693, [plugo@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:plugo@holbrook.k12.ma.us)

SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.

**D** Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with the Holbrook Public Schools Athletic Dept.

**D** Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with the Holbrook Public Schools for Activity/Club fees.

**D** Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with the Guidance Depts.

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the children listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form to: your child's teacher or the school secretary for the JFK, South or High School by September 16, 2016.



## 2016-2017 Massachusetts Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

If you have received a **Notice of Direct Certification** from the school district for free meals, **do not** complete this application. But **do** let the school know if any children in the household are not listed on the **Notice of Direct Certification** letter you received.

### 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	School Name	Grade	Student?	Foster	Homeless	Migrant	Runaway
					Circle Yes or No	Check all that apply			
					Y N	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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					Y N	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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



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
\$	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**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)


				How often?			
				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
				<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony	How often?			
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income	How often?			
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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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

XXX-XX-     Check if no SSN

**STEP 4 Contact information and adult 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."

Street Address (if available)  Apt #

City  State  Zip

Daytime Phone and Email (optional)

Printed name of adult signing the form

Signature of adult

Today's date

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Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- 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
- Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults		
Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary, wages, cash bonuses</li> <li>- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> </ul> If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unemployment benefits</li> <li>- Worker's compensation</li> <li>- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li> <li>- Cash assistance from State or local government</li> <li>- Alimony payments</li> <li>- Child support payments</li> <li>- Veteran's benefits</li> <li>- Strike benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>- Private pensions or disability benefits</li> <li>- Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>- Annuities</li> <li>- Investment income</li> <li>- Earned interest</li> <li>- Rental income</li> <li>- Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important a 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.

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.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

<p><b>Ethnicity (check one):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino</li> </ul>	<p><b>Race (check one or more):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Asian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian of Other Pacific Islander</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White</li> </ul>
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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
 email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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**2016-2017 Massachusetts Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals**

Total Income

Household Size

**Annual Income Conversion:**

Weekly	x 52
Every 2 Weeks	x 26
Twice A Month	x 24
Monthly	x 12

Only annualize income if there are multiple pay frequencies

Eligibility:

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

Categorical Eligibility

How often?

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

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

Verifying Official's Signature

Date

Determining Official's Signature