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## 2025-2026 Massachusetts Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

If you have received a Notice of Direct Certification - FREE from the school district for free meals, do not complete this application. If you have received a Notice of Direct Certification - REDUCED PRICE from the school district for reduced price meals, this application may be submitted. DO let the school know if any children in the household are not listed on the Notice of Direct Certification- FREE letter you received. Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1

Signature of adult

List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names. 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. Student? Homeless Migrant Runaway Child's Last Name **School Name** Child's First Name MI Circle Yes or No Check all that apply Y N Y N Y N Y N Y N Y N STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? Write the **Agency ID Number**, then go to **STEP 4** (Do not complete STEP 3) EBT number not accepted; SNAP award letter may be requested Agency ID Number: STEP 3 List ALL adult household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions) (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2) Review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information. The "Sources and Examples 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 How often? Veekly 2x Month Month Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here: 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 and after deductions) 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. Public Assistance/ Child Pensions / Retirement / How often? How often? Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last) Support/ Alimony All Other Income Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly **Total Household Members** Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of XXX-XX-Check if no SSN (Children and Adults) Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member STEP 4 **Contact Information and Adult Signature** Mail Completed Form To: Barnstable Public Schools Food Service Office 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 "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)

Today's date

Sources and Examples of Income for Children
<ul> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> </ul>
- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
<ul> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul>
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Sources of Income for Adults								
Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income						
Salary, wages, cash bonuses     Net income from self- employment (farm or business)  If you are in the U.S. Military:     Basicpayand cash bonuses (do NOT include combatpay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)     Allowancesfor off-base housing, food and clothing	Unemployment benefits     Worker's compensation     Supplemental Security Income (SSI)     Cash assistance from State or local government     Alimony payments     Child support payments     Veteran's benefits     Strike benefits	Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)     Private pensions or disability benefits     Regular income from trusts or estates     Annuities     Investment income     Earned interest     Regular cash payments from outside						

**OPTIONAL** 

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

Ethnicity:	Race (check one or more):		We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This
☐ Hispanic or Latino☐ Not Hispanic or Latino	American Indian or Alaskan Native     Asian     Black or African American	<ul><li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li><li>White</li></ul>	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.
Use of Information Statement	Black of African American		

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met.

Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number'. Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number.

Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

## The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <a href="https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf">https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf</a>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights EMAIL: <u>Pro</u> 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or <u>Program.Intake@usda.gov</u> \* Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FAX:

## Return completed form to your child's school.

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\* MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly	× 52, Every 2 Weeks	× 26, Twice a Month	× 24, Monthly × :	L2. Do not annualize income to	determine eligibility unless more t	han one income frequency is listed.
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Total Income		How often?				Household size	Categori	Eligibility				
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