2025-26 Child Nutrition Eligibility & Education Benefit Application – Mercer Island School District K-8

Apply Online: www.mercerislandschools.org/programs-and-services/nutrition-services/free-and-reduced-meal-information

This application may qualify you for: meal benefits, Summer EBT benefits (if enrolled in a NSLP/SBP school), reduced fees for other programs and activities, and/or help secure funding for your school district. If your child(ren) are enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 school, completing this application will not impact your eligibility to receive meals at no cost.

Complete, sign, and return this application to MISD - 4160 86th Ave S, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Check here if you received meal benefits last year: ☐

1. List **all students** living with you that are attending school. If the student is in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or receiving migrant education services, 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. ☐ **Homeless** ☐ **Migrant**

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	MI	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 ☐ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDIPR) 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.

Names of ALL other household members (do not include students listed above)	Foster	Earnings from work (before any deductions)	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2 X Month	Monthly	Public Assistance/ Child Support/ Alimony	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2 X Month	Monthly	Pensions/ Retirement/ Social Security (SSI)	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2 X Month	Monthly	Any Other Income Not Already Listed	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2 X Month	Monthly
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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** (*Optional if only applying for Summer EBT)*

5. Contact Information & Signature – Complete, sign, and return this application to: MISD - 4160 86th Ave S, Mercer Island, WA 98040

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true, that all income is reported, and that my household does not receive Summer EBT benefits through a different State or Indian Tribal Organization (if applicable). I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of federal or state benefits and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose these benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.

Printed Name of Adult Household Member | **Adult Household Member Signature** | **E-mail Address**

Mailing Address | **City, State & Zip Code** | **Daytime Phone** | **Date**

6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional) – We are required to ask for information about your child(ren)'s race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your child(ren)'s eligibility for free & reduced-price meals.

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

Child Nutrition Eligibility: 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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1. **Mail:**
   U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington,
   D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **Fax:**
   (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **Email:**
   Program.Intake@usda.gov

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SCHOOL USE ONLY DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

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
- ☐ Income Household

Total Household Size _____

Total Household Income $_____

Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x per Month	Monthly	Annual
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

APPLICATION APPROVED FOR:
- ☐ Free Eligible
- ☐ Reduced-Price Eligible

APPLICATION DENIED BECAUSE:
- ☐ Income Over Allowed Amount
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Incomplete/Missing Information

_____ Date Notice Sent

_____ Signature of Approving Official

_____ Date