



School Meal Assistance Program Application 2026-2027

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

School Meal Assistance Program

T&E Care is a local non-profit organization that helps families in our community in a variety of ways.

T&E Care provides limited school meal assistance to families who do not qualify for the federal Free/Reduced Meal Program but still need support with meal costs.

How to Apply

1. Apply for the Free/Reduced Meal Program through TESD first:
<https://tesd.net/departments/food-and-nutrition-services/freerduced-price-meals>
2. If denied, provide your denial letter to your child's school counselor
3. Complete the T&E Care School Meal Assistance Application (also located on the TESD web page noted above)
 - Your family must meet all the eligibility requirements on the application
 - Applications can be submitted any time during the school year beginning August 20, 2026
4. Submit the application to your child's school counselor. If you have children in multiple schools, you only need to submit the form to one counselor of your choice.
5. If approved, funds will be deposited monthly into your student's point-of-sale account:
 - Elementary Students: \$40/month
 - Middle School Students: \$50/month
 - High School Students: \$60/month
 - *Note: June deposits will be pro-rated*

Questions?

Contact your school counselor or email lunchhelp@tecare.org



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Head of Household Name _____ Date _____

Total # of People in Household _____ Include all adults and children living in your household, related or not

PART I: CHILDREN IN T/E SCHOOLS

Child's Name	School	Grade

PART II: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – All five requirements must be met to apply.

You **MUST** initial **EACH** line. I certify that:

- ____ We applied for the federal Free/Reduced Meal program and were denied
- ____ We do not receive additional school lunch/meal funding from a foster or welfare agency
- ____ None of the children listed above has a negative balance of more than \$40 in their point-of-sale account
- ____ All adults in the household are working, actively seeking paid employment, and/or receives SSD benefits
- ____ Our household total monthly gross income is at or below the limit in the table below unless prior approval has been obtained from T&E Care as an exception

Income Eligibility for T&E Care School Meal Assistance Program

Household Size	Monthly Gross Income Limit	The gross income limit is calculated at 300% of the 2026 federal poverty level. Gross income includes all earnings by adult household members before taxes and deductions and includes all other sources of income including: welfare, unemployment, child support, alimony, Social Security, pensions, retirement, disability, rental income, and any other income.
2	\$5,410	
3	\$6,830	
4	\$8,250	
5+	\$9,670	

PART III: CERTIFICATION

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and complete. I understand that eligibility may be verified by school officials. Providing false information may result in removal from the program and any funds received from this program will have to be repaid.

Applicant Signature _____ Print Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PART IV: SUBMIT APPLICATION

Submit your application to your child's school counselor who will notify you if your application is approved. Applications are accepted beginning August 20, 2026 and can be submitted at any time during the school year. If you have children in multiple schools, you only need to submit the form to one counselor of your choice.