

LETTER TO PARENTS : NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian: Children need healthy meals to learn. Nativity of Mary School offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs \$3.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is .40 cents for lunch.

- 1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Nativity of Mary School, Attention: Ann Thomason, 10021 E. 36th Terr. Independence, MO 64055, 816-353-0284.**
- 2. Who can get free meals?** All children in households getting Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance, or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- 3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?** Please call Nativity of Mary School to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed that they will get free meals.
- 4. Who can get reduced price meals?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits.
- 5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced meals?** Do not complete the attached application if you have recently received notification from your school that your child(ren) has been certified to receive free meal benefits for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
- 7. My child's application was approved last year, do I need to fill out another one?** Yes, your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 8. Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.
- 8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance or other benefits. If you lose your job, your child(ren) may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Liz Baker, 10021 E. 36th Terr. Independence, MO 64055, 816-353-0284.**
- 10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 11. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
- 12. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.
- 13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Exclude military combat pay received by service members during a deployment. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other question or need help, call **816-353-0284.**

Sincerely,

Ann Thomason

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$14,157	\$1,180	\$273	\$20,147	\$1,679	\$388
2	19,123	1,594	368	27,214	2,268	524
3	24,089	2,008	464	34,281	2,857	660
4	29,055	2,422	559	41,348	3,446	796
5	34,021	2,836	655	48,415	4,035	932
6	38,987	3,249	750	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	846	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	48,919	4,077	941	69,616	5,802	1,339
Each add'l member	+4,966	+414	+96	+7,067	+589	+136

PART 1. CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Name of School	Grade	Student		Check if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court)
			Income	How Often	
					<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART 2. BENEFITS

If any member of your household receives Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits and skip to part 5. If no one receives benefits go to part 3.

Name: _____

Case Number: 0 0 _____

PART 3. HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY

If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway contact the school/district Homeless Liaison/Migrant Coordinator at [phone number of Homeless Liaison/Migrant Coordinator]

PART 4. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME—YOU MUST TELL US HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN

1. Name (List Everyone in Household Not Listed in Part 1) Please attach an additional page if needed.	2. Gross income and how often it was received								3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions		Welfare, child support, alimony		Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits		All Other Income		
	Income	How Often	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often	
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PART 5. SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the application must also list his or her last four digits of their Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: *** - ** - _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

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.

PART 6. CHILDREN'S RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITIES (OPTIONAL)

Mark one or more racial identities: Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White American Indian or Alaska Native Other

Mark one ethnic identity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.

ANNUAL INCOME CONVERSION: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12 (Use Only if Multiple Income Frequency)

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household Size: _____

Food Stamps/Temporary Assistance

Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied Reason: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Temporarily: Free Reduced Temporarily Approved Until: _____ (allow no more than 45 calendar days) Until: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date Approved/Denied: _____

Confirming Official's Signature (For verification purposes only): _____ Date: _____

Verification Complete Date: _____ Signature: _____