INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced-price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Prescott Unified School District The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced-price school meals.

Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on the application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Amy Seigler, Ph; 928-717-3232, Email: amy.seigler@prescottschools.com.

Please <u>use a pen (not a pencil)</u> when filling out the application and do your best to print clearly.

STEP 1- NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD

List all household members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12. This should include all children who live in your household. They do not have to be related to you to be part of your household.

List the first name, middle initial, and last name of each child. List one name per line and write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If you need additional lines, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for additional children.

If the children attend school, please list the name of the school.

If you believe the children are foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway, be sure to mark the box next to the child's name under foster or homeless, migrant, runaway.

Once all children have been listed, go to STEP 2.

STEP 2- SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR PARTICIPATION

Do any household members (including the adults) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

In the gray bar, circle either yes or no.

If Yes- List the case number in the large box labeled Case Number and **go directly to STEP 4**.

If No- Leave this section blank and go to STEP 3.

• Please note that the 16-digit QUEST Electronic Benefit Transfer Card number starting in '5077' is not an appropriate Case Number.

STEP 3- HOUSEHOLD INCOME INFORMATION

A. Child income- Report all income earned by children in the household. Refer to the chart below titled "Sources of Income for Children" and report the **combined gross** income for all children listed in STEP 1 in the box marked "Total Child Income."

Child Income is money received from outside your household that is paid directly to your children. Many households do not have any child income. Use the chart below to determine if your household has child income to report. If children do not receive income, enter '0' or leave these boxes empty. If you leave this part blank, it will mean that you have no income to report for any children in the household.

Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household. It is optional for the household to list foster children living with them as part of the household.

Sources of Income for Children						
Type of Income	Examples					
Earnings from work	A child has a job where they earn a salary or wages.					
Social Security						
Disability payments	A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.					
Survivor Benefits						
	A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased and their child receives social security benefits.					
Income from persons	A friend or extended family member <i>regularly</i> gives a					
outside the household	child spending money.					
Income from any other	A child receives income from a private pension fund,					
source	annuity or trust.					

B. Adult Household Members and Income- Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1. List one name per line and write both first and last name in each box. If you need additional lines, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for additional household members.

Report **gross income** (amount before taxes and deductions) for each adult on the same line where the name is listed. Then, fill in the circle to indicate if the earnings are received weekly, bi-weekly (every other week), 2x month (2 payments per month), or monthly. The chart below gives examples of the different types of income for adults. If someone does not receive income, enter '0' or leave these boxes empty.

Sources of Income for Adults							
Earnings from Work	Earnings from WorkPublic Assistance/ Alimony/Child SupportPensions/Retirement/All Other Income						

 Salary, wages, cash	 Unemployment	 Social Security (including
bonuses Net income from self-	benefits Workers	railroad retirement and
employment (farm or	Compensation Supplemental	black lung benefits) Private Pensions or
business)	Security Income	disability Income from trusts or
 For military families: Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off- base housing, food and clothing 	 (SSI) Cash Assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	estates Annuities Investment Income Earned Interest Rental Income Regular cash payments from outside household

The back of the application provides the same Sources of Income charts.

C. Total number of household members and SSN

Report the total number of people in your household (all adults and children) in the one box. This must match the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3.

Report the last 4 digits of the Social Security number (SSN) for the primary wage earner or other adult in the household. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. Simply leave the space blank and check the box labeled "Check if no SSN."

STEP 4- CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult household member. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported.

Please sign, date and print your name.

Provide your contact information including your address if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional but providing it helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

The back of this application provides a section for you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals.

This section also includes important information about privacy and civil rights. Please read these statements before submitting the application.

Once the form is completed, it should be mailed, or delivered to any school in the district or you can mail to:

Prescott Unified School District

Attn: Food Service Department

926 1/2 Hinman Street,

Prescott, Az. 86301.

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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: <u>https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf</u>, 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:

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

fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email: <u>Program.Intake@usda.gov</u>

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CONSENT FOR SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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.

No. I DO NOT want information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application shared with any of these programs.

- Yes. I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with **[name of program specific to your school]**.
- Yes. I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with **[name of program specific to your school]**.
- Yes. I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application with **[name of program specific to your school]**.

If you checked yes to any or all the boxes above, fill out the form 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:	

For more information, you may call [name] at [phone] or e-mail at [e-mail address].

Return this form with your school meal application to: [address].

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Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The following are the income guidelines to be used by child nutrition program operators when processing meal benefit income eligibility forms using reported income.

Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

		How often was income received?								
	We	eekly	Bi-V	Veekly	2x Month		Monthly		Annually	
Household Size*	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$377	\$536	\$753	\$1,072	\$816	\$1,161	\$1,632	\$2,322	\$19,578	\$27,861
2	\$511	\$728	\$1,022	\$1,455	\$1,108	\$1,576	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$26,572	\$37,814
3	\$646	\$919	\$1,291	\$1,838	\$1,399	\$1,991	\$2,798	\$3,981	\$33,566	\$47,767
4	\$780	\$1,110	\$1,560	\$2,220	\$1,690	\$2,405	\$3,380	\$4,810	\$40,560	\$57,720
5	\$915	\$1,302	\$1,829	\$2,603	\$1,982	\$2,820	\$3,963	\$5,640	\$47,554	\$67,673
6	\$1,049	\$1,493	\$2,098	\$2,966	\$2,273	\$3,235	\$4,546	\$6,469	\$54,548	\$77,626
7	\$1,184	\$1,685	\$2,367	\$3,369	\$2,565	\$3,650	\$5,129	\$7,299	\$61,542	\$87,579
8	\$1,318	\$1,876	\$2,636	\$3,752	\$2,856	\$4,064	\$5,712	\$8,128	\$68,536	\$97,532
Additional members, add:	\$135	\$192	\$269	\$383	\$292	\$415	\$583	\$830	\$6,994	\$9,953

For Determining Official's Use Only

*Household size must be supported by the number of names listed on the meal benefit income eligibility form.

Annual Income Conversion for Multiple Reported Incomes:

If a household reports only one income or multiple incomes with the same frequency, <u>do not</u> convert to annual income. If a household reports multiple income sources with different frequencies (e.g., 1 income is received weekly, another income is received monthly), convert all reported incomes to annual using the conversion factors below. Then, add the income together and compare it to the annual income guidelines to make a determination.

Weekly Income x 52	Bi-Weekly Income x 26	2x Month Income x 24	Monthly Income x 12
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Example: A household has returned their meal benefit income eligibility form. The enrolled individuals are not categorically eligible so they must be categorized based on income. On their application, they reported two incomes: \$200 weekly and \$3,000 monthly. To determine their eligibility status, their incomes must be converted to annual income.

\$200 weekly x Weekly Income Conversion → \$200 x 52 = \$10,400 Total Annual Income \$3,000 monthly x Monthly Income Conversion → \$3,000 x 12 = \$36,000 Total Annual Income The incomes are then added together to determine total annual income. Total Income: \$10,400 + \$36,000 = \$46,400

There are four listed names on their meal benefit income eligibility form – demonstrating a household's size of four. The annual income cap for a household of four to be free is \$40,560 and reduced is \$57,720. This household's annual income is \$46,400 – greater than \$40,560, less than \$57,720. Therefore, this household qualifies for reduced-price meals. Programas de Nutrición Infantil Pautas de Ingresos

Efectivo 1 julio 2024 - 30 junio 2025

Las siguientes son las pautas de ingresos que deben utilizar los operadores del programa de nutrición infantil al procesar las solicitudes de elegibilidad de ingresos por beneficios de comidas utilizando ingresos reportados.

	Para uso exclusivo del funcionario determinante									
	La frecuencia en que se recibe el ingreso									
	Sei	manal	Qui	ncenal	2 vece	s al Mes	Mensual		Anual	
Tamaño de Hogar*	Gratis	Reducido	Gratis	Reducido	Gratis	Reducido	Gratis	Reducido	Gratis	Reducido
1	\$377	\$536	\$753	\$1,072	\$816	\$1,161	\$1,632	\$2,322	\$19,578	\$27,861
2	\$511	\$728	\$1,022	\$1,455	\$1,108	\$1,576	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$26,572	\$37,814
3	\$646	\$919	\$1,291	\$1,838	\$1,399	\$1,991	\$2,798	\$3,981	\$33,566	\$47,767
4	\$780	\$1110	\$1,560	\$2,220	\$1,690	\$2,405	\$3,380	\$4,810	\$40,560	\$57,720
5	\$915	\$1302	\$1,829	\$2,603	\$1,982	\$2,820	\$3,963	\$5,640	\$47,554	\$67,673
6	\$1,049	\$1493	\$2,098	\$2,966	\$2,273	\$3,235	\$4,546	\$6,469	\$54,548	\$77,626
7	\$1,184	\$1685	\$2,367	\$3,369	\$2,565	\$3,650	\$5,129	\$7,299	\$61,542	\$87,579
8	\$1,318	\$1876	\$2,636	\$3,752	\$2,856	\$4,064	\$5,712	\$8,128	\$68,536	\$97,532
Miembros Adicionales Agregue:	\$135	\$192	\$269	\$383	\$292	\$415	\$583	\$830	\$6,994	\$9,953

Efectivo 1 julio 2024 – 30 junio 2025 Para uso exclusivo del funcionario determinante

*El tamaño del hogar debe ser respaldado por la cantidad de nombres que figuran en la solicitud de elegibilidad de ingresos por beneficios de comida

Conversión de ingresos anuales para ingresos múltiples reportados:

Si un hogar reporta solo un ingreso o ingresos múltiples con la misma frecuencia, no lo convierta en ingreso anual. Si un hogar reporta múltiples fuentes de ingresos con diferentes frecuencias. (Por ejemplo, 1 ingreso se recibe semanalmente, otro ingreso se recibe mensualmente.) Convierta todos los ingresos reportados a anuales utilizando los factores de conversión a continuación. Luego, sume los ingresos y compárelos con las pautas de ingresos anuales para tomar una determinación.

Ingresos semanales x 52 Ingresos quincenales x 26 Ingre	os 2 veces al mes x 24 Ingresos mensuales x 12
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Ejemplo: Un hogar ha devuelto su solicitud de elegibilidad de ingresos para beneficios de comidas. Las personas inscritas no son categóricamente elegibles, entonces deben clasificarse según los ingresos. En su solicitud, reportaron dos ingresos: \$200 semanales, y \$3,000 mensuales. Para determinar su estado de elegibilidad, sus ingresos deben convertirse en ingresos anuales.

\$200 Semanales x Conversión semanal de ingresos → \$200 x 52 = \$10,400 Ingreso anual total
 \$3,000 Mensuales x Conversión mensual de ingresos → \$3,000 x 12 = \$36,000 Ingreso anual total
 Los ingresos luego se suman para determinar el ingreso anual total. Ingreso Total: \$10,400 + \$36,000 = \$46,400

Hay cuatro nombres enumerados en su solicitud de elegibilidad de ingresos y beneficios de comida, lo que demuestra el tamaño de un hogar de cuatro. – El limite de ingreso anual para que un hogar de cuatro personas sea gratis es de \$40,560 y reducido es de \$57,720. Los ingresos anuales de este hogar son \$46,400, mayores que \$40,560, pero menores que \$57,720. Por lo tanto, este hogar califica para comidas a precio reducido.

2024-2025 School Year Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP1 List ALL	infants, children, and students up	to and including grade	12 in your l	household (if more spaces a	are required for additional names	s, 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.	Child's First Name			's Last Name		I Name Homelss, Foster Migrant, Child Runaway
	ousehold Members (including yo If you answered NO > Complete STEP 3.	If you answered YES	S > Write a cas	e number here then go to STEP		ANF, or FDPIR? Circle one: Yes / No e Number: Write only one case number in this space.
Are you unsure what income to include here? Flip to the back of this application and review	A. Child Income Sometimes children in the household earn in Household Members listed in STEP 1 here. B. All <u>Adult</u> Household Members (inclu- List only the Adult Household Members (inclu-	Acome. Please include the TO ncluding yourself) uding yourself) even if they d llars only. If they do not receiv st) GROSS Earnings from Work \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	TAL GROSS in o not receive i re income from How often Bi-Weekly [2x I () () () () () () () () () ()	come earned by all Children	nber listed, if they do receive income, 0' or leave any fields blank, you are of 1000 How often? 1000 Weekty Bi-Weekty 2x Month Monthly 1000 1000 1000	2x Month Monthly Image: Constraint of the state stat
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"I certify (promise) that all informatic connection with the receipt of Fede	on on this application is true and that all income is rep ral funds, and that school officials may verify (check) ose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under a m Today's date	ported. I understand that this inform the information. I am aware that if	nation is given in	Eligibility: Free Reduced Determining Official's Signat Case # Application Fost Dincome Application Hom Household Size: Total Income: Pe	OFFICE USE ONL I Denied ure: er Application	Y Date: d: Date of Disregard: deks) □2x Month □Monthly □Annual
Street Address (if available)	Apt # City	State	Zip	Selected For Verification:	Confirming Official's Signature:	Date: _ Date:

INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

S	ources of Income for Children	Sources of Income for Adults				
Type of Income	Examples	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/ Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income		
Earnings from work	A child has a job where they earn a salary or wages.	- Salary, wages, cash bonuses	- Unemployment benefits	 Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) 		
Social Security -Disability payments	A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.	- Net income from self- employment (farm or business)	- Workers Compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	 Private Pensions or disability Regular income from trusts or estates 		
-Survivor Benefits	A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased and their child receives social security benefits.	If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing	- Cash Assistance from State or local government	- Annuities - Investment Income		
Income from persons outside the household	A friend or extended family member <u>regularly</u> gives a child spending money.	allowances) -Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Alimony payments - Child support payments	- Earned Interest - Rental Income		
Income from any other source	A child receives income from a private pension fund, annuity or trust.		- Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	- Regular cash payments from outside household		

OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

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

Ethnicity (check one):

Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more):

American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Nati

□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander □ White

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.

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