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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled at a family day care home. Your child care provider offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

**1. Am I required to complete a Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form in order for my child(ren) to receive CACFP Benefits?** No, but if you choose to do so, your provider may receive a higher reimbursement for the meals served to your child. If you do complete the form, you have the option of returning it directly to your Provider or to the Provider's Sponsor, Southwest Human Development Services. If you would like to provide your form directly to the sponsor, return the completed form to: Southwest Human Development Services, P.O. Box 28487, Austin, TX 78755-8487.

Initial here if you consent to allowing your child care provider to collect your form and provide it to the Sponsor. This provider will not review your form.

**2. Do I need to fill out a Meal Benefit Form for each of my children in day care?** You may complete and submit one CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form for all children enrolled in child care in your household **only** if the children in child care are enrolled in the same home. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information.

**3. Who qualifies for the higher reimbursement without providing income information?** Your provider will receive a higher reimbursement for meals served to foster children and children in households getting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or any of the programs listed on the enclosed Form H1660, *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs*. Children in households participating in WIC also may qualify for the higher reimbursement.

**4. Who qualifies for the higher reimbursement based on income?** Your provider may receive a higher reimbursement for the meals served to your children if your household income is equal to or less than the amount indicated for your household size listed on the Income Chart, sent with this application. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for the higher reimbursement.

**5. May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the day care home.

**6. Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who shares income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include any foster children living with you.

**7. How do I report income information and changes in employment status?** The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the attached Income Chart, the family day care home will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for the higher reimbursement rate, whether through income or by providing a current SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should, however, notify us if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income during the period of unemployment causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

**8. What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.

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**9. What if I have foster children?** Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court automatically qualify for the higher reimbursement. Any foster child in the household qualifies regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Meal Benefit Form, but are not required to include payments received for the foster child as income. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children can provide the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Form 2085FC, *Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care*, to their child's caregiver or sponsor and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

**10. We are in the military, do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. Combat Pay, including Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) is also excluded and will not be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. If you have other questions or need help, call 1-800-369-9082

Sincerely,

Blake Stanford  
President  
Southwest Human Development Services Corporation  
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Participation in any of these programs qualifies for federal meal benefits:

- Child Care and Development Fund
- Community Services Block Grant
- Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program
- County Indigent Health Care Program
- Dental Health Services
- Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Emergency Nutrition and Temporary Emergency Relief Program
- Even Start Family Literacy Program
- Family Planning (Title XX)
- Food Stamp Employment and Training
- Job Corps
- Maternal and Child Health
- Mental Health, Supported Housing
- National School Lunch Program (Free or Reduced Price Meal Status)
- Prekindergarten Education
- Primary Health Care Program
- Program for Amplification for Children in Texas
- Refugee Resettlement Program (Cash Assistance and Medical Assistance)
- School Breakfast Program (Free or Reduced Price Meal Status)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Title XX Child Care (Child Care Management System--CCMS)
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

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## Income Standards For Determining Program Eligibility

Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Family Size	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	26,973	2,248	519
2	36,482	3,041	702
3	45,991	3,833	885
4	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	1,799
For each Additional Family member add+	+9,509	+793	+183



# CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care)

## Part 1. All Household Members

Name of Enrolled Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT) * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 5 TO SIGN THIS FORM.	CHECK IF NO INCOME
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Part 2. Benefits:** If any member of your household receives SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, provide the name and eligibility number for the person who receives benefits. If no one receives these benefits, skip to part 3.  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3. (Applies only to parents/guardians with children enrolled in a day care home)** If any member of your household receives benefits listed on the enclosed *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs (H1660)*, provide the name of the program and eligibility number: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ELIGIBILITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check here if no eligibility number

## Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

A. Name (List only household members with income)	B. Gross income and how often it was received Note: Self-employed report income after expenses in box 1			
	1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	4. All Other Income
(Example) Jane Smith	\$200/weekly	\$150/twice a month	\$100/monthly	\$200/bi-monthly
	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___
	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___
	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___
	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___	\$ ___/___
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**Part 5. Signature and Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (Adult must sign)**  
 An adult household member must sign this form. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the next page.)

*I certify that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last four digits of Social Security Number: \* \* \* - \* \* - \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number



# CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care)

### Part 6. Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional)

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian
- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

### Part 7. Sharing Information With Other Programs: OPTIONAL

The above information may be disclosed for the purpose of enrolling children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Parents/guardians are not required to consent to such disclosure and electing not to allow disclosure will not adversely affect a child's eligibility.

- I do elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.
- I do not elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.

### Don't fill out this part. This is for official use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Per:  Week,  Every 2 Weeks,  Twice A Month,  Month,  Year Household size: \_\_\_\_\_

Categorical Eligibility: \_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility: Free \_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Tier I \_\_\_ Tier II \_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirming Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-up Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Privacy Act Statement:

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 the participant 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 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) eligibility number for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier 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 the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

### Non-discrimination Statement:

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: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, 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:

- (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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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