

Madeira City School District
Nutrition Services
7465 Loannes Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45243
Telephone: (513) 831-5030

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need nutritious meals to learn. Madeira City Schools offers nutritious meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is 40¢ for lunch.

1. **Do I need to complete a new application each year? Yes.** Students who were approved for free or reduced meals and attended Madeira City Schools for the 10/11 school year will remain on the program until September 27, 2011. This grace period allows time to process the numerous applications received at the beginning of the school year. You will receive a letter stating your status for the 11/12 school year once your application has been processed. Due to the large number of applications received at the beginning of the school year, please allow three weeks to process your application prior to calling our office. If you have not received notification by September 20th, please call the Nutrition Services office at 831-5030 to ensure your application has been received.

****IMPORTANT**** - If your child did not participate in the free or reduced lunch program last school year or is new to the school district, please complete the enclosed application, AND place a checkmark in the "CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE FREE/REDUCED MEALS LAST YEAR OR IF NEW TO THE DISTRICT _____" area across the top of the application and immediately return to expedite processing.

2. **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:**

Milford Exempted Village School District
Attn: Cheryl Wilkins – Nutrition Services
777 Garfield Avenue
Milford, OH 45150

3. **Who can receive free meals?** All children in households receiving benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Ohio Works First (OWF) benefits can qualify for free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can receive free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

4. **Can foster children receive free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

5. **Can homeless, runaway and migrant children receive free meals?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you have not been told your children will receive free meals, please call or email Jay Batterson at (513) 576-4178 or batterson_j@milfordschools.org to see if they qualify.

6. **Who can receive reduced price meals?** Your children can receive low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart shown on this application.

7. **Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free meals?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Contact Cheryl Wilkins at 831-5030 if you have questions.

8. **I receive WIC. Can my child(ren) receive free meals?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.

9. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

10. **If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

11. **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: Mr. Jeff Johnson, Business Manager, Milford Exempted Village School District, 777 Garfield Avenue, Milford, OH 45150 – (513) 831-1314

12. **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.

13. **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) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally receive overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you receive an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **My Spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is her combat pay counted as income?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
17. **Why am I being asked about giving my consent for an instructional fee waiver?** Ohio public schools are required to waive the school instructional fees for children who qualify for **free** meal benefits. School Food Service personnel must have parent consent to share student meal application if your child(ren) qualify for a fee waiver. If you agree to allow your child(ren)'s meal application to be shared with school officials to see if he/she/they qualifies for a fee waiver then check "yes" in Part 5. If you do not wish for that information to be shared, then check "no" in Part 5. Answering no to this question will mean your child will **not** be able to be considered for a fee waiver. Answering this question either way will not change whether your child(ren) will receive free or reduced price meals.
18. **My Family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for Ohio SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call (877) 852-0010.

If you have other questions or need help, call Cheryl Wilkins at 831-5030.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: Cheryl Wilkins at 831-5030.

Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: Cheryl Wilkins at 831-5030.

Sincerely,

Sarah Renz
Assistant Director
Nutrition Services

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

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 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), Ohio Works First (OWF) 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.

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".

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS ANY CHILD OR ADULT LIVING WITH YOU

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES BENEFITS FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) OR OHIO WORKS FIRST (OWF), FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child.

Part 2: List the 10-digit case number for any household member (including adults) receiving SNAP or OWF benefits.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES SNAP OR OWF BENEFITS AND IF ANY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway, check the appropriate box and call or email Jay Batterson at (513) 576-4178 or batterson_j@milfordschools.org.

Part 4: Complete only if a child in your household isn't eligible under Part 3. See Instruction for All Other Households.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary if you **didn't** need to fill in Part 4.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A FOSTER CHILD, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

If all children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all foster children and the school name and school grade level for each child. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Sign the form. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are **not** necessary.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

Part 1: List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income" box. Check the box if the child is a foster child.

Part 2: If the household does not have a 10-digit SNAP or OWF case number, skip this part.

Part 3: If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call or email Jay Batterson at (513) 576-4178 or batterson_j@milfordschools.org. If not, skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

• **Box 1—Name:** List all household members with income.

• **Box 2 —Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received.

Check the box to tell us how often the person receives the income—weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount and check the box to tell us how often each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For **ONLY** the self-employed, under *Earnings from Work*, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Part 5: Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.

Part 6: Adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn't have one).

Part 7: Answer this question, if you choose.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING WIC HOUSEHOLDS, FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Part 1:** List all household members and the school name and school grade level for each child. For any person, including children, with no income, you must check the "No Income Box".
- Part 2:** If the household does not have a 10-digit SNAP or OWF case number, skip this part.
- Part 3:** If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call or email Jay Batterson at (513) 576-4178 or batterson_j@milfordschools.org. If not, skip this part.
- Part 4:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.
- **Box 1–Name:** List all household members with income.
 - **Box 2 –Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** For each household member, list each type of income received. Check the box to tell us how often the person receives the income—weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. For earnings, be sure to list the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. For other income, list the amount and check the box to tell us how often each person got for the month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran’s benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. Under *All Other Income*, list Worker’s Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster payments received by the family from the placing agency. For *ONLY* the self-employed, under *Earnings from Work*, report income after expenses. This is for your business, farm, or rental property. If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or receive combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.
- Part 5:** Answer yes or no and sign your name if you would like the application to be checked by school officials to determine if the child(ren) qualifies for a school instructional fee waiver.
- Part 6:** An adult household member must sign the form and list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number (or mark the box if s/he doesn’t have one).
- Part 7:** Answer this question if you choose to.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	20,147	1,679	388
2	27,214	2,268	524
3	34,281	2,857	660
4	41,348	3,446	796
5	48,415	4,035	932
6	55,482	4,624	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	1,339
Each additional person:	7,067	589	136

CHECK HERE IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE FREE/REDUCED MEALS LAST YEAR OR IF NEW TO THE DISTRICT _____

2011-2012 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Names of <u>all</u> household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Name of school and school grade level for each child/or indicate "NA" if child is not in school.		Check if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court) *If all children listed below are foster children, skip to Part 5 to sign this form.	Check if No Income
	School	Grade		
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2. BENEFITS: If any member of your household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formally Food Stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) benefits, provide the name and 10-digit case number for the person who receives benefits and **skip to Part 5**. If no one receives these benefits, **skip to Part 3**.

NAME: _____ 10-DIGIT CASE #:

Part 3. If any child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call or email Jay Batterson at (513) 576-4178 or batterson_j@milfordschools.org

Homeless Migrant Runaway

Part 4. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME (before deductions). List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received. Record each income only once.

1. NAME (List all household members with income)	2. GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED															
	Earnings from work before deductions	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	All Other Income (indicate frequency, such as "weekly" "monthly" "quarterly" "annually")
(Example) Jane Smith	\$200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00/quarterly
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Part 5. SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS: To save you time and effort, the information you provide on this free and reduced application and previous year's applications may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. We must have your permission to share your information. Answering this question will not change whether your children will receive free or reduced price meals. Check all boxes that apply

Yes, I do want school officials to share information from this form for: 11/12 Instructional Supply Fee Waiver AP Exam Fee Reduction

No, I do not agree to have my meal application used to determine if my child(ren) qualify for other programs.

Signature of Parent/Guardian for Sharing Information with Other Programs Question: _____ Date: _____

Part 6. SIGNATURE AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ADULT MUST SIGN)

An adult household member must sign the application. **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 back of this page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will receive 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: _____ Phone Number: _____

Last four digits of your Social Security Number: _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Part 7. Children's ethnic and racial identities (optional)

Choose one ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino

Choose one or more (regardless of ethnicity): Asian White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

SHARING INFORMATION WITH MEDICAID/Healthy Start, Healthy Families

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children receive free or reduced price school meals, they may also be able to receive free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State of Ohio Healthy Start, Healthy Families Program. Children with health insurance are more likely to receive regular health care and are less likely to miss school because of sickness.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, **the law allows us to tell Medicaid and Healthy Start, Healthy Families that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, unless you tell us not to.** Medicaid and Healthy Start, Healthy Families only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children. Filling out the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or Healthy Start, Healthy Families, fill out the form below and send in (Sending in this form will not change whether your children receive free or reduced price meals).

No! I DO NOT want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with Medicaid or the Healthy Start, Healthy Families.

If you checked no, fill out the form below.

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 Healthy Start & Healthy Families at 800-324-8680 or Cheryl Wilkins at (513) 831-5030.
Return this form to:

**Milford Exempted Village School District
Attn: Cheryl Wilkins – Nutrition Services
777 Garfield Avenue
Milford, OH 45150**

Don't fill out this part. 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

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

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

Temporary: Free ___ Reduced ___ Time Period: _____ (expires after ___ days)

Determining/Approval Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If selected for Verification, Date Verification Notice Sent: _____ Response Date: _____ 2nd Notice Sent: _____ Results Sent: _____

Verification Result: No Change ___ Free to Reduced Price ___ Free to Paid ___ Reduced Price to Free ___ Reduced Price to Paid ___