

More than a Meal

Completing a meal application has benefits beyond food - check it out!

School Funding

Increased funding to school sites to ensure students receive the support they need

School Meals

Discounts on healthy & tasty school meals

Internet Access

Discounts on home internet costs

College App Fees

Discounts on fees associated with

SAT, ACT, AP Fees

Discount on fees for college prep tests



Submitting an application can help your school even if you don't use the meal program.

Option 1: Complete an Application

Visit ausdnutrition.org to submit an application online. You only need to complete one application for your entire household. Visit your school office or cafeteria for paper copy of the application.

Completing an application helps ensure your school gets the funding it deserves even if you do not qualify for the program

Option 2: Opt-out

No thanks.

I read and understand the potential benefits and choose to opt-out at this time.

| Student ID # | Date of Birth | First Name | Last Name | Grade | School |
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Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the free/reduced-priced meal program affect school funding?

Every student who is under a certain income, learning English, or in foster care generates 20% more funding. In districts where at least 55% of students fall into these categories, they receive even more funding. In Alvord Unified, additional dollars are given to each school to increase or improve services for these students.

Completing the meal application ensures your school receives all available funds.

Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No, you can fill out one form for multiple children in the same household.

Who will know that our family submitted an application?

Our system is confidential. Even if your child qualifies and chooses to eat school meals, the breakfast and lunch process is the same as a student who is paying full price.

Do I still need to fill out a form if I qualify for other benefits?

No. If you are currently receiving food stamps, CalWORKS, KinGAP, or FDPIR benefits and your information has not changed, your child automatically qualifies. Please make sure all students are on the letter received from Child Nutrition Services.

How can qualifying for free/reduced-priced meals help with SAT or college application fees?

Any 11th and 12th grade student that qualifies for the free/reduced-priced meal program is eligible for SAT fee waivers. Students who take the SAT using a test fee waiver can choose four colleges from over 2,000 participating colleges and apply for free.

Can I fill the application out online?

Yes, visit ausdnutrition.org and click on the link for the online application.

Do I have to list a social security number?

You must print the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) OR check the box next to NO SSN if you do not have one.

How is internet access connected to the free/reduced-priced meal program?

Some internet providers may offer reduced rate home internet services for families that qualify for the meal program. For more information, call your internet provider.



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