

More than a Meal

Completing a meal application
has benefits far beyond food

School Funding

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

College App Fees

Discounts on fees associated with applying for college

Internet Access

Discounts on home Internet costs

School Meals

Discounts on healthy & tasty school meals

SAT/ACT/AP Fees

Discounts on fees for college prep tests



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

See the next page for answers to Frequently Asked Questions. For an application or more information please contact your school or district office.



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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. 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?

The process 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 CalFresh, CalWORKS, KinGAP or FDPIR benefits and your information has not changed, your child automatically qualifies.

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 .

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?

Many Internet providers offer reduced rate home Internet services for families that qualify for the meal program. For more information, contact your local provider.