



**STEP 5**

**Other Benefits - This section does not need to be completed to receive free or reduced price meal benefits.**

Do you want to receive Textbook Assistance?

Yes  
 No  
 If yes, sign to the right →

I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made. My signature below authorizes the release of information on this application for textbook assistance. I give up my right of confidentiality for this purpose only. This application information will be shared with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration pursuant to I.C. 20-33-5-2 and I.C. 12-14-28-2, solely for purposes of complying with 45 C.F.R. Parts 260 and 265.

Signature of adult completing the form

Today's date

This application information may be shared with the Family and Social Services Administration for the purpose of identifying children who may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance under Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise. If you want the application information shared for this purpose, please sign below. I certify I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made. I authorize the release of information for this purpose.

For information about Hoosier Healthwise health insurance, call 1-800-899-9949.

Signature of adult completing the form

Today's date

**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  
 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 FDIPIR 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. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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 INCOME CONVERSION TO YEARLY:  
 WEEKLY X 52      EVERY 2 WEEKS X 26      TWICE A MONTH X 24      MONTHLY X 12

**ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**

Income Eligibility: Total Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per:  Weekly  Every 2 Weeks  Monthly  Twice a Month  Yearly  
 OR Categorical Eligibility:  Food Stamps/TANF  Migrant  Homeless  Runaway  Foster  
 Eligibility Determination:  Approved Free  Approved Reduced  Denied  
 Reason for Denial:  Income Too High  Incomplete Application  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Eligibility Notification Provided (if denied, notification must be written):  Verbal  Written  
 Signature of Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION**

Confirmation Review Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Direct Verified? Yes  No

Date Verification Notice Sent: _____	Approval Based On: <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps /TANF Case Number	Verification Results: <input type="checkbox"/> No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced to Paid	Reason for Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Household Size: <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Food Stamps /TANF <input type="checkbox"/> Did not respond <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Date Notice of Change Sent: _____
Date Response Due from Households: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Size and Income <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			Date Change Made: _____
Date Second Notice Sent (or N/A): _____				

Request for Appeal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Hearing Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hearing Decision: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verifying Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

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 Randolph Southern School District. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Jenna Marquis, FSD 765-874-2541 [marquisj@rssc.k12.in.us](mailto:marquisj@rssc.k12.in.us).

**PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.**

### **STEP 1: LIST ALL INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12 IN THE HOUSEHOLD**

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

- Who should I list here?** When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:
- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
  - In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
  - Students attending Randolph Southern School District, regardless of age.

<p><b>A) List each child's name.</b> Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.</p>	<p><b>B) Is the child a student at Randolph Southern?</b> Mark 'Yes' or 'No' under the column titled "Student" to tell us which children attend Randolph Southern. If you marked 'Yes,' write the name of the school building, birthdate, and grade level of the student in the 'Grade' column to the right. Is the child living with parent or caretaker relative? Mark 'Yes' or 'No' next to each child.</p>	<p><b>C) Do you have any foster children?</b> If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.</p>	<p><b>D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway?</b> If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application.</p>
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### **STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP OR TANF?**

- If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

- A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:**
- Leave STEP 2 blank and go to STEP 3.
- B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:**
- Write a case number for SNAP or TANF. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: 1-800-403-0864.
  - Go to STEP 4.

### STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Adults" and "Sources of Income for Children," located below to determine if your household has income to report.

Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security	- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits
- Disability Payments	- A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
- Survivor's Benefits	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- Income from person outside the household	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust
- Income from any other source	

Sources of Income for Children	Sources of Income for Adults
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.</li> <li>What is 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from Work                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>If you are in the U.S. Military:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li> <li>Cash assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>Private pensions or disability benefits</li> <li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Earned interest</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
- Gross income is the total income received before taxes
- Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

#### 3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is 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.

#### 3.B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- Do NOT include:
  - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
  - Infants, Children and students already listed in STEP 1.

<p><b>B) List adult household members'</b> names. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." <u>Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.</u> If a child listed in <b>STEP 1</b> has income, follow the instructions in <b>STEP 3, part A.</b></p>	<p><b>C) Report earnings from work.</b> Report all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. <i>What if I am self-employed?</i> Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.</p>	<p><b>D) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony.</b> Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. <u>Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart.</u> If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.</p>
<p><b>E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income.</b> Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income" field on the application.</p>	<p><b>F) Report total household size.</b> Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number <b>MUST</b> be equal to the number of household members listed in <b>STEP 1</b> and <b>STEP 3.</b> If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.</p>	<p><b>G) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.</b> An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."</p>

**STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE**

*All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.*

<p><b>A) Print and sign your name.</b> Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of adult."</p>	<p><b>B) Provide your contact information.</b> Write your current address in the fields provided 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 helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.</p>	<p><b>C) Mail Completed Form to: Randolph Southern 2 Rebel Drive Lynn, IN 47355</b></p>	<p><b>D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional).</b> On the back of the application, we ask 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.</p>
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**STEP 5: OTHER BENEFITS – OPTIONAL**

The following sections are optional and do not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.

<p><b>A) Textbook Assistance</b> If you want to receive textbook assistance, check "Yes" and then read, sign, and date the section to the right. If you do not want to receive textbook assistance, check "No."</p>	<p><b>B) Hoosier Healthwise Disclosure</b> If you want to share your child's free/reduced eligibility in order to qualify for free or low-cost health insurance under Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise, sign and date this section.</p>
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