

Return Completed Application to: Sterling Public Schools, P.O. Box 39, Sterling, NE 68443

Part 1: Children in School

List names of all children in school (**First, Middle Initial, Last**).
If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form.
If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.

Grade

Name of School Child Attends

Check all that apply:
Homeless,
Foster Migrant,
Child Runaway

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐**Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR Benefits**

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR:
(Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.**1. Household Members**

List **everyone** in the household, current income each person earns in **whole dollars** (no cents) & how often. Entering “0” or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child’s **personal** use income must be listed.

2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received

Earnings from Work before deductions

Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony

Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income

Income

How often

Income

How often

Income

How often

Total Number of Household Members:
(Children and Adults)

Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the
adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _____

Check if no SSN ☐**Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.**

“I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.”

Sign here:

Print name:

Date:

Street Address (if available):

Zip:

Daytime
Phone:**Part 5: Children’s Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional****Check one Ethnic Identity:**

– and –

Check one or more Racial Identities:☐ Hispanic or Latino☐ Asian☐ Black or African American☐ Native Hawaiian or☐ Not Hispanic or Latino☐ White☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native

other Pacific Islander

Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion:

Weekly X 52;

Every 2 weeks X 26;

Twice a month X 24;

Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: _____

Total Income: _____ per

☐ Year ☐ Month ☐ 2 X Mo ☐ Every 2 Wks ☐ Week☐ Free☐ Reduced☐ Denied☐ Income☐ Income

Reason for denial:

☐ Categorically eligible:☐ Income too high☐ SNAP/TANF/FDIPIR☐ Incomplete application☐ Foster Child☐ Homeless/Migrant/Runaway:

(Official Documentation Required at School)

Signature of Determining Official:

Date Approved:

FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:

Signature of Confirming Official:

Date Confirmed:

Signature of Verifying Official:

Date Verified:

Date Withdrawn
From School:

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2026-27
Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2026-27					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each additional person:	10,508	876	438	405	203

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 are 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 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.

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Mail Stop 9410
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax:
(202) 690-7442

Email:
program.intake@usda.gov

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