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Children need healthy meals to learn. The Windsor Learning Center offers healthy meals every school day at the price listed below. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.

	FULL PRICE		REDUCED PRICE			
	Elementary	Middle	High	Elementary	Middle	High
National School Lunch	N/A	N/A	\$4,25	N/A	N/A	\$2.00
School Breakfast	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$1.00
After School Snack	N/A	. N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Milk Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Split Session Milk Program	N/A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			N/A - Not Appli	cable		11

This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. [Windsor Learning Center] offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs [\$2.00]; lunch costs [\$4.25]. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. The reduced price is [\$1.00] for breakfast and [\$2.00] for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

#### 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from [NJ SNAP], [the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)] or [NJ TANF], are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- · Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits of
  the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals
  if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

			3024-2025
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	536
2	37,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8.128	1,873
Each additional person:	9,953	830	192

- HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members
  of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary
  housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who
  have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these
  descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail [Windsor
  Learning Center (973) 839-4050].
- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. 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: [Windsor Learning Center
  234 Wanaque Ave. Pompton Lakes NJ.07442].
- 3. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact [Windsor Learning Center (973) 839-4050] immediately.
- 4. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit [Windsorlearningcenternj.com] to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact [Windsor Learning Center (973)839-4050] if you have any questions about the online application.
- 5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through [October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023]. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- 6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
- 7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 8. 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 become unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 9. 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: [Windsor Learning Center (973) 839-4050.

- 10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
- 11. 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 get 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.
- WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive
  some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this
  happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be
  counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving the income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do
  so.
- 2. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 3. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact [Windsor Learning Center (973) 839-4050] to receive a second application.
- 4. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for [NJ. SNAP] or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call [1-800-687-9512].

If you have other questions or need help, call [973) 839-4050].

Sincerely,

Mr. Gibbons, {Principal}

# How To Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in the [Windsor Learning Center]. Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free and reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one

are not sure what to do next, please contact [Windsor Learning Center (973) 839-4050 }. 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 The application must be filled out completely to determine the eligibility of your child(ren) for free or reduced price school meals

Please use a pen (not a pencil) when filling out the application and do your best to print clearly.

# Step 1: List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12

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

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 formal foster arrangement through a court or state/local agency, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending (<u>regardless of age</u>) [Windsor Learning Center].

applies to adults in Step 3. "MI" is short for middle initial. Print the additional children. This also all required information for the if completing electronically) with of paper (or a second application application, attach a second piece children present than lines on the first letter of each child's middle out of space. If there are more each child's name. Use one line letter in each box. Stop if you run When printing names, write one of the application for each child. A) List each child's name. Print If "Yes," write the grade

B) Is the child a student? C) Do you have any foster children? If any level of the student in the "Grade" column to the right. |you are ONLY applying for foster children, after | "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If children listed are foster children, mark the 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. Note: Adopted children are not considered foster children. A foster child is a minor child who has been taken into state custody and placed with a state-licensed adult, who cares for the child in place of their parent or custodian.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway? 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. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway status must be confirmed with the appropriate program staff. If the school district cannot confirm your student's homeless, migrant, or runaway status, then the school district will contact you to complete an income-based application. You may choose to provide income information now in order to prevent the school district from potentially needing to contact you later.

# Step 2: Do any household members currently participate in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

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) or https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/workfirstnj/
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

## A) If no one in your household participates in any of B) If an the above listed programs: • W

Check "No" in Step 2 and go to Step 3.

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 Write a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/counties/

Go to Step 4.

# Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

### How do I report my income?

- Use the lists titled "Sources of Income" & "Examples of Income for Children," on the back side of the application form to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents
- Gross income is the total income received before taxes and deductions.
- o 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 your application will be investigated. fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly,
- 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 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:
- o 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.

# Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

### 1) List adult household members' names.

are declared independently on taxes (all college students are considered adults). Do not list any household members you listed in Step 1. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Include college students, unless they

### 2) List earnings from work.

employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. Net income is your income after taxes and deductions have been subtracted List 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-

- paper if necessary. What if I have multiple jobs? List each job separately by entering your name and income from each job on a new line. Add an additional sheet of
- expenses of your business from its gross receipts (revenue). Gross receipts or revenue are all the income earned from the sale of any products or services offered. What if I am self-employed? List income from your business as a net amount. This net amount is calculated by subtracting the total operating

If a child listed in Step 1 has income, follow the instructions in Step 3, Part B.

## 3) List income from public assistance/child support/alimony.

should be reported as "other" income in the next part. benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments List all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance

## List income from pensions/retirement/all other income.

List all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income" field on the application

What if I receive income from multiple sources in this category? List each source separately by entering your name and income from each source on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

### 5) List total household size.

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 household members listed in Step 1 and Step 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of

## 6) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

right labeled "Check if no Social Security Number." 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 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

## 3.B List income earned by children

## List all income earned or received by children.

List 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.

## Step 4: Contact information and adult signature

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

A) Provide your contact information. Write your current mailing address in the fields provided, if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, that is okay. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

B) Print and sign your name and write today's date. Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of adult."

C) Mail completed application to Windsor Learning Center 230-234 Wanaque Ave.
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

#### Optional

ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. This information is requested solely for the Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and protected by the Privacy Act. By providing this information, you will assist us in assuring that this program is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner. purpose of determining the State's compliance with Federal civil rights laws, and your response will not affect consideration of your application, and may be

or reduced-price meals will be delayed. questions about applications to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights or your child's eligibility for free Please return the application directly to your child's SCHOOL. DO NOT mail, fax, or email completed applications or

#### Application #:

# 2024-2025 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

APPLY ONLINE:

RETURN TO (School/District Name): Windsor Learning Center ADDRESS: 230-234 Wanaque Ave. Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

B. Child Income "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 A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.) O NO > Go to STEP 3. List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household (confirm) 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." Child's First Name Print Name of Adult Signing the Form STEP 3 STEE 2 Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? STEP 4 Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here. deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (Including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and Total Household Members (Children and Adults) Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last) Contact information and adult signature. List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions) List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names. O YES → Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: ≧ Member (If Applicable) Primary Wage Earner or other Adult Household Last Four Numbers of Social Security Number of \* Child's Last Name [press space bar to advance] Earnings from Work Signature of Adult 0 0 0 0 0 0 O O 0 CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER): 2x.Month Q 0 0  $\bigcirc$ Monthly 0 0 0 0 Insert school address here  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ School Name (Abbr.) O Public Assistance, Child Support, ZWeeks 2xMonth  $\bigcirc$ How often received? Write only one case number in this space 0 Monthly 0 0 0 0 0 0 Check if no Social Security Number Grade 0 Every 2 Weeks 0 O 0 0 O 2xMonth 0 0 ()0 0 Check all that apply Today's Date 0 0 O C oster Child Migrant Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, All Other Pensions, Retirement, Please see application's back for list of income sources. Runaway Homeless Weekty 0 0 0 0 0 How often received? 2 Weeks 0 0 0 0 0 any of these Step 1: Part C & Application refer to the boxes, please Instruction's fyou checked 2x/Month 0 O 0  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ 0 0 O ()

Return completed form to your child's school.

Mailing Address (if available)

State

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Phone (optional)

Email (optional)

# SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Earnings from Work  Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions Net income from self-employment (farm or business)  Hyou are in the U.S. Military: Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances Allowances Sources of Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Cash assistance from State or local governments Child support payments Child support payments Child support syments Child support syments Strike benefits  Strike benefits	tips, commissions of the commission of the c
Public Assistance/Alimony/ Child Support  Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Supplemental Security Income (\$5!) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child Support payments Veterans benefits Strike benefits	y/ P A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
	Pensions/Retirement/ All other sources of income  Social Security/Disability (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability benefits Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Earned interest Remail income Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

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

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pa	Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regar	and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	anish Culture or origin, regardless of race)	
White	Not Hispanic or Latino	

Return this completed form to your child's school. \*Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

#### DO NOT FILL OUT For school use only,

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

Determining Official's Signature	Total Income
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#### Use of Information Statement

and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information

Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Social Security Number: Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult

## The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or

be obtained To file a program discrimination complaint a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can discriminate writing a let /iolation. II

U.S. Department of Agriculture FAX: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights EMAIL: 1400 Independence Avenue, SW

\*MAIL:

#### SHARING INFORMATION WITH MEDICAID/CHIP

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children get free or reduced price school meals, they <u>may</u> also be able to get free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Children with health insurance are more likely to get 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 CHIP that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, unless you tell us not to. Medicaid and CHIP 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 CHIP, fill out the form below and send in (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals).

Q		nation from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application sha Children's Health Insurance Program.
If you c listed b		below to ensure that your information is NOT shared for the child(re
Child's	Name:	School:
Signatu	re of Parent/Guardian:	Date:
Printed	Name:	
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