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# Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-Base Year & Community Eligibility Provision) 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

#### Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that FLOWER HILL, JEFFERSON, SOUTHDOWN, WASHINGTON, JACK ABRAMS STEM MAGNET, WOODHULL INTERMEDIATE, J. TAYLOR FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

What does this mean for your child(ren) attending the school(s) identified above?

All students enrolled at FLOWER HILL, JEFFERSON, SOUTHDOWN, WASHINGTON, JACK ABRAMS STEM MAGNET, WOODHULL INTERMEDIATE, J. TAYLOR FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at <u>NO CHARGE</u> to your household each day of the <u>2025-2026</u> school year, regardless of household income. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

#### HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO SUSTAIN PROGRAMS.

\*\*\*\*\*\*For our district to receive additional financial support from the State and Federal Government for other family and student programs and educational resources, **WE NEED ALL FAMILIES TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR MEALS/CEP HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM AS ATTACHED**.

If your income is above the threshold on the attached chart, you should indicate Not Applicable, N/A.

**IF YOUR INCOME FALLS AT OR BELOW THE THRESHOLD AS LISTED ON THE FORM**, we need you to provide your income amount and return it back to the school district.

THANK YOU for completing the form.

It helps ALL of our students.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at the Nutrition Office at (631) 673-2107

Sincerely,

Rubie R. Harris – Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Management Services

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# HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Huntington, New York

2025-2026 REDUCED PRICE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES								
Total Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly			
1	\$ 28,953	\$ 2,413	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,114	\$ 557			
2	\$ 39,128	\$ 3,261	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,505	\$ 753			
3	\$ 49,303	\$ 4,109	\$ 2,055	\$ 1,897	\$ 949			
4	\$ 59,478	\$ 4,957	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,288	\$ 1,144			
5	\$ 69,653	\$ 5,805	\$ 2,903	\$ 2,679	\$ 1,340			
6	\$ 79,828	\$ 6,653	\$ 3,327	\$ 3,071	\$ 1,536			
7	\$ 90,003	\$ 7,501	\$ 3,751	\$ 3,462	\$ 1,731			
8	\$ 100,178	\$ 8,349	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,853	\$ 1,927			
*Each add'l person, add	\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 424	\$ 392	\$ 196			

# Qualifying may also include the following benefits:

## K-6 students

- Free or reduced meals for summer camp programs
- · Discounted rental fee for district instruments

## Secondary Students

- · ACT and SAT fee waivers
- Reduced fees for Advanced Placement Exams
- NCAA eligibility application fee waivers
- · Discounted rental fee for district instruments

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2025-2026 We ask families to comple	te this form for all schoo	ol's Pre-k – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade fo		Eligibility Form	al State and
Please read the instructions below. Call 631-673-2107 if	on the back, complete <b>on</b>		ehold, sign your name, an	d <b>return it to the ad</b>	dress listed
Return Completed Appl	188 C	ington U.F.S.D. Nutrition Dakwood Road Ington, NY 11743	n Office		
1. List all children in your housel					
Student Name		School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
					Ц
2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits: If anyone in your household recei	ves either SNAP, TANF or FI	OPIR benefits, list their name	and CASE # here. <b>Skip to P</b>	art 4, and sign the app	olication.
Name:	CASE	#:			
3. Report all income for ALL Hous					
All Household Members (includ List all Household members not li receive income, report total incom leave any fields blank, you are ce	ling yourself and all childre sted in Step 1 (including your ne for each source in whole d	en that have income). rself) even if they do not recollars only. If they do not recollars	ceive income. For each Hous	sehold Member listed, if ource, write '0'. If you er	they do nter '0' or
Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions	Child Support, Alimony	Pensions, Retirement Payments	Other Income, Social Security	Income
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Total Household Members (Childi		Four Digits of Social Secu	rity Number: XXX-XX	I do not	have a SS# $\square$
*When completing section 3, an a SS# box" before the application		t provide the last four digits o	of their Social Security Numbe	r (SS#), or mark the "I o	do not have a
4. Signature: An adult househol I certify (promise) that all the info school will get federal funds; the State and federal laws, and my o **Signature:	ormation on this application is school officials may verify th children may lose meal benef	s true and that all income is re e information and if I purpose its.	eported. I understand that the ely give false information, I ma	ay be prosecuted under	applicable
Email Address: Home Phone:	W 1 B		<del></del>		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	AC	Idress:		
5. Ethnicity and Race are option Ethnicity: □Hispanic or Latino	al; responding to this section ☐Not Hispanic or Latino	does not affect your children	a's eligibility for free or reduce	d price meals.	
Race (Check one or more): $\square$ A	merican Indian or Alaskan Na	ative □Asian □Black or Afr	ican American ☐Native Haw	aiian or Other Pacific Is	land DWhite
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#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to: **Huntington U.F.S.D. Nutrition Office, 188 Oakwood Road, Huntington, NY 11743**. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: 631-673-2107 Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

#### PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

#### PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

#### PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

**OTHER BENEFITS:** Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

#### **USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT**

Use of Information Statement: 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 submit all needed information, 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 primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. 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 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.

#### **DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS**

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#### August 2025

#### CONSENT TO RELEASE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

School officials may release information that shows that my child/children are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk to the following programs. I understand that the information will only be provided to the program(s) checked.

(Check the box next to the program area(s) you wish to release information to)

<ul> <li>State or federal programs such as the Local health and education program free band instruments, or reduced features.</li> </ul>	edicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). he Youth Summer Work program or the Educational Talent Search Program. ns and other local programs that provide benefits such as free textbooks or school supplies, ees for summer school or driver education. ay baskets, summer arts and playground programs.
understand that I will be releasing information give consent to release my confidential information	on that will show my child/children are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk rmation for the above named uses.
Child/Children:	
certify that I am the parent/guardian off the o	child/children for whom the free/reduced price application was made:
Print Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Date:	

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