



Miller Child Development Center, Incorporated

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents or guardians of children enrolled in a child care center. **Miller Child Development Center** offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

1. Do I need to fill out a Meal Benefit Form for each of my children in day care? You may complete and submit one CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form for all children enrolled in child care in your household **only** if the children in child care are enrolled in the same center. We cannot approve a form that is not complete, so be sure to read the instructions carefully and fill out all required information. **Return the completed form to: MCD C 102 S Rio Grande San Antonio, TX 78203**

2. Who can get free meals without providing income information? Children in households getting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) can get free meals. Foster children (reference question #8 for more information on foster children) and children enrolled in a Head Start Program (HSP), Early Head Start Program (EHSP), or Even Start Program (ESP) and have not entered kindergarten) are also eligible for free meals. Households with children enrolled in a HSP, EHSP or ESP can provide a certification letter from the program of the child's enrollment and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

3. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Income Chart, sent with this application. Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for reduced price meals.

4. May I fill out a form if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the child care center.

5. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include everyone in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you) who shares income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. You also may include foster children who live with you.

6. How do I report income information and changes in employment status? The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the attached Income Chart, the center will receive a higher level of reimbursement. Once properly approved for free or reduced price benefits, whether through income or by providing a current SNAP, TANF, FDPIR case number, you will remain eligible for those benefits for 12 months. You should notify us, however, if you or someone in your household becomes unemployed and the loss of income causes your household income to be within the eligibility standards.

7. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.

8. What if I have foster children? Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Households may include foster children on the Meal Benefit Form, but are not required to include payments received for the foster child as income. Households wishing to apply for such benefits for foster children can provide the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Form 2085FC, *Placement Authorization Foster Care/Residential Care*, to their child's caregiver and do not need to complete the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form.

9. We are in the military, do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. Combat Pay, including Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) is also excluded and will not be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

10. (Pricing program only) Will the information I give be verified? Maybe. We may ask you to send written proof to verify the information you submitted on the form. **What if I disagree with the decision about the information I complete on this form?** You can talk to **Cathy Gibson, Director**, either in person or by telephone at **(210) 354-1400**. You may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Cathy Gibson, 201 S Rio Grande (210) 354-1400**.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have other questions or need help, call **(210) 354-1400**.

Sincerely,

Cathy Gibson



CACFP MEAL BENEFIT INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM (Child Care)

Part 1. All Household Members

Name of Enrolled Child(ren): _____

| Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last) | CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A WELFARE AGENCY OR COURT) * IF ALL CHILDREN LISTED BELOW ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, SKIP TO PART 5 TO SIGN THIS FORM. | CHECK IF NO INCOME |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part 2. Benefits: If any member of your household receives SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. **If no one receives these benefits, skip to part 3.**

NAME: _____ CASE NUMBER: _____

Part 3. (Applies only to parents/guardians with children enrolled in a day care home) If any member of your household receives benefits listed on the enclosed *List of Eligible Federal/State Funded Programs (H1660)*, provide the name of the program and case number: NAME: _____ CASE NUMBER: _____
Check here if no case number

Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

| A. Name (List only household members with income) | B. Gross income and how often it was received | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | 1. Earnings from work before deductions | 2. Welfare, child support, alimony | 3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits | 4. All Other Income |
| <i>(Example)</i> Jane Smith | \$200/weekly _____ | \$150/twice a month _____ | \$100/monthly _____ | \$200/bi-monthly _____ |
| | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ |
| | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ |
| | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ |
| | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ |
| | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ | \$ ____/____ |

Part 5. Signature and Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign this form. **If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box.** (See Privacy Act Statement on the next page.)

I certify that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number: * * * - * * - _____ I do not have a Social Security Number



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Part 6. Participant's ethnic and racial identities (optional)

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| Mark one ethnic identity: | Mark one or more racial identities: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | |

Part 7. Sharing Information With Other Programs: OPTIONAL

The above information may be disclosed for the purpose of enrolling children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Parents/guardians are not required to consent to such disclosure and electing not to allow disclosure will not adversely affect a child's eligibility.

- I do elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.
- I do not elect to allow my household information to be disclosed.

Don't fill out this part. This is for official use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____
 Categorical Eligibility: ___ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free___ Reduced___ Denied___ Tier I___ Tier II___
 Reason: _____

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Act 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, we cannot approve the participant 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 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 for the participant or other (FDPIR) identifier 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 the participant is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."