CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM: CHILD CARE COMPONENT
INCOME ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS Fiscal Year 2019-2020

INSTRUCTIONS: To apply for free and reduced-price meals, read the household Letter and instructions on backside of this form. Complete application and return to the center. In accordance with the NSLA, information on this application may be disclosed to other Child Nutrition Programs or applicable enforcement agencies. Parents/guardians are not required to consent to this disclosure. *Part 1* is to be completed by all households. *Part 2* is to be used only for a child living in a household receiving food assistance (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF) benefits. *Part 3* is only for children NOT receiving Food Assistance or OWF benefits. *Part 4 an a*dult household member must sign and date form; the last 4 digits of social security number must be listed if Part 3 is completed. *Part 5* is optional. * Asterisks indicate info that must be completed. Form must be completed annually and valid for only 12 months.

CENTER NAME BLUEPRINTS TO FOOTPRINTS

PART 1 – PRINT INFORMATION FOR ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED AT CENTER

* NAME OF ENROLLED CHILD(REN)	AGE	BIRTH DATE	CHECK IF A FOSTER CHILD (The legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court)
1.			☐
2.			☐
3.			☐
4.			☐

PART 2 – LIST EACH CHILD'S FOOD ASSISTANCE (SNAP) OR OWF CASE NUMBER, IF ANY. A VALID CASE NUMBER CONTAINS 7 digits. DO NOT LIST SWIPE CARD NUMBER. 600… numbers not valid.

Check type of benefit: □ FOOD ASSISTANCE (SNAP) or □ OHIO WORKS FIRST (OWF)

1. CASE NO.	__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
2. CASE NO.	__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
3. CASE NO.	__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
4. CASE NO.	__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

PART 3 – TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE, TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED: List names of all household members. List all gross income: list how much and how often. If Part 2 is completed, skip to Part 4.

a. LIST NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDING CHILDREN LISTED ABOVE IN PART 1	b. CHECK IF NO/ZERO INCOME	c. GROSS INCOME during the last month (amount earned before taxes & other deductions) and HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED: Weekly, Every 2 Weeks, Twice Per Month, Monthly, Annually			
		1. Earnings from work before deductions	2. Welfare payments, child support, alimony	3. Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA	4. All Other Income
EXAMPLE: JANE SMITH	☐	$ 200 / weekly	$ 150 / twice month	$ 100 / monthly	$ _____/_____
1.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____
2.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____
3.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____
4.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____
5.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____
6.	☐	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____	$_____/_____

PART 4 – SIGNATURE & LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Adult household member must sign/date form. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list last 4 digits of his/her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box.

I certify that all information on this form is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that the center will get Federal Funds based on the information. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted.

* _____ SIGNATURE OF ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	* _____ DATE	* If Part 3 is completed, insert last 4 digits of Social Security Number ☐☐☐☐ (Check if applicable) ☐ I do not have a Social Security Number
Print Name:	Daytime Phone Number:	Work Phone Number:
Street / Apt:	City / State / Zip:	County:

PART 5: RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY (Optional): Please check appropriate boxes to identify the race and ethnicity of enrolled child(ren).

☐	American Indian or Alaska Native	☐	Asian	☐	Black or African American
☐	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	☐	White	☐	Other

Please mark one ethnic identity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

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.

State Distribution: 7/13/2019

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CENTER. Note: All information above this section is to be filled in by the parent or guardian.

Complete information below only if qualifying child(ren) by household income from Part 3. Per the total household size, compare total household income to the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines to determine correct categorization. When income is listed in different frequencies of pay in Part 3, you must convert all income to annual income before determination. Use the following Annual Income Conversion :
Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks (bi-weekly) x 26, Twice per Month (semi-monthly) x 24, Monthly x 12

Application Certified/Categorized as:

☐ **FREE,** based on □ Food Assistance/OWF Case No. □ Household size and income □ Foster Child

☐ **REDUCED**, based on Household size and income

Total Household Size: _____

Total Household Income: $_____

Per: □ week □ every two weeks □ twice per month □ month □ year

☐ **PAID,** based on □ Income too high □ Incomplete □ Invalid case number or information

Signature of Sponsor / Center Representative	Date Sponsor Certified/Categorized Form	Effective Date	Expiration Date
		(From the first of month of date signed)	(Valid until last day of month in which form was signed one year earlier)

Note: Effective date is determined by parent or sponsor signature date as selected on CRRS application. If date of parent signature is not within month of certification or immediately preceding month, effective date must be date of sponsor certification.

HOUSEHOLD LETTER - Dear Parent or Guardian

Please help us comply with the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) by completing the attached income eligibility application for free and reduced-price meals. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality. The CACFP provides reimbursement to the child care center for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care. **The completion of the income eligibility application is optional.** Complete the application on the reverse side using the instructions below for your type of household. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for meal benefits offered at the child care center. Households with incomes less than or equal to the reduced-price values listed on the chart at the bottom of this page are eligible for free meal benefits**.** An application must contain complete information to be considered for free or reduced-price meals. Households are no longer required to report changes regarding the increase or decrease of income or household size or when the household is no longer certified eligible for food assistance (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF). Once approved for free or reduced-price benefits, a household will remain eligible for these benefits for a period not to exceed 12 months. During periods of unemployment, your child(ren) is eligible for meal reimbursement provided the loss of income during this time causes the family to be within eligibility standards for meals. In operation of the CACFP, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability §226.23(e)(2)(iv). If you have questions regarding the completion of this application, contact the child care center.

PART 1 – CHILD INFORMATION: ALL HOUSEHOLDS COMPLETE THIS PART (*denotes required info)

- Print the name of the child(ren) enrolled at the child care center. All children (including foster children) can be listed on the same application.
- List the enrolled child's age and birth date.
- Check box indicating if the child is a foster child. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of the foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

PART 2 – HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE OR OHIO WORKS FIRST: COMPLETE THIS PART AND PART 4 – If a child is a member of a food assistance (SNAP) or OWF household, they are automatically eligible to receive free CACFP meal benefits.

Circle the type of benefit received: Food Assistance (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF).

- List a current food assistance or OWF case number for each child. This will be a 7-digit number. Do not list a swipe card number.

SKIP PART 3 – Do not list names of household members or income if you listed a valid Food Assistance (SNAP) or OWF case number for each child in Part 2.

PART 3 – TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE, GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN RECEIVED: ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS COMPLETE PARTS 3 & 4.

a) Write the names of all household members including yourself and the child(ren) that attends the child care center, noting any income received. A household is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit that share housing and/or significant income and expenses of its members. This might include grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you. Attach another piece of paper if you need more space to list all household members.

b) Check the box for any person listed as a household member (including children) that has no income.

c) For each household member, list each type of income received during the last month and list how often the money was received.

1. Earnings from work before deductions: Write the amount of total gross income each household member received the last month, before taxes/deductions or anything else is taken out (not the take-home pay) and how often it was received (weekly, every two weeks, twice per month, monthly, annually). Income is any money received on a recurring basis, including gross earned income. Households are not required to include payments received for a foster child as income. If any amount during the previous month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes. If you are in the military and 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.
2. List the amount each person got the last month from welfare, child support or alimony and list how often the money was received.
3. List the amount each person got the last month from pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's (VA) benefits or disability benefits and list how often the money was received.
4. List all other income sources. Examples include: Worker's Compensation, strike benefits, unemployment compensation, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, cash withdrawn from savings, interest/dividends, income from estates/trusts/investments, net royalties/annuities or any other income. Self-employed applicants should report income after expenses (net income) in column 1 under earnings from work. Business, farm or rental property report income should be entered in column 4. Do not include food assistance payments.

PART 4 – SIGNATURE AND LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: ALL HOUSEHOLDS COMPLETE THIS PART (* denotes required info)

a) * All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

b) * The adult signing the application must also date the form.

c) * Only an application that lists income in Part 3 must have the last four digits of the social security number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box marked, "I do not have a Social Security Number." If you listed a food assistance or OWF number for each child or if you are applying for a foster child, the last four digits of the social security number are not required.

PART 5 – RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY – OPTIONAL

You are not required to answer this part in order for the application to be considered complete. This information is collected to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and will be kept confidential. No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: 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. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: How to File a Complaint, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

REDUCED INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Households with incomes less than or equal to the reduced-price values below are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTH	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEK
1	23,107	1,926	936	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional family member, add	+8,177	+682	+314	+315	+158

SPECIAL DIET FORM

This center/facility participates in in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and any meals, snacks, or milk claimed for reimbursement must meet program requirements. Food accommodations must be made when the food accommodation is due to a disability (a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment). Reasonable food accommodations may be made for children/participants without disabilities who may have special medical or dietary needs. Food accommodations are to be supported by a statement signed by a recognized state medical authority which is defined as a state licensed health care professional who is authorized to write medical prescriptions under state law.

To be completed by parent, guardian or authorized representative		
Child/Participant Name:		Birth Date:
Parent/Guardian/Authorized Representative Name:		
Email:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

To be completed by recognized state medical authority

Check and complete appropriate information. For the safety of the child, please be as specific as possible.

☐ **Yes, this child/participant has a disability that requires food accommodation?**

Describe disability:

What major life activity is affected?

How does the disability restrict the diet?

☐ **Child/Participant has no disability but requires a special diet**

Describe the medical or other special dietary need that restricts diet:

List food/type of food to be omitted.

List food/type of food to be substituted for omitted food(s). Please be specific regarding any needed food texture changes or detailed menu to be followed.

Signature of Recognized State Medical Authority:	**Date:**
Printed Name:	Phone:

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR FLUID MILK SUBSTITUTION

Parents or guardians may now request in writing that non-dairy beverages be substituted for fluid milk for their children with special dietary needs without providing statement from a recognized medical authority. However, fluid milk substitutions requested are at the **option** and expense of the facility/center.

The non-dairy beverage provided must be nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk and meet the nutritional standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Child Nutrition Programs in order for the facility/center to claim reimbursement for the meal through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

A non-dairy beverage product must at a minimum contain the following nutrient levels per cup to qualify as an acceptable milk substitution:		
a. Calcium 276 mg	d. Vitamin D 2.5 mcg	g. Potassium 349 mg
b. Protein 8 g	e. Magnesium 24 mg	h. Riboflavin .44 mg
c. Vitamin A 150 mcg	f. Phosphorus 222 mg	i. Vitamin B-12 1.1 mcg

To be completed by Child Care Center/Provider prior to distribution of form	
Name of Child Care Center/Provider:	
	This child care center/provider will provide the following non-dairy beverage which meets the USDA-approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute: (list substitute(s))
	This child care center/provider has chosen not to provide non-dairy beverages for the substitution of fluid milk.

To be completed by Parent/Guardian		
Child's Full Name:		
Identify the medical or other special dietary need that restricts the diet of your child (why your child needs a non-dairy beverage as a milk substitute):		
	I request that my child is served the non-dairy beverage which meets the USDA-approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute that is provided by the center/provider as indicated above.	
	I am aware that the center is not providing a non-dairy beverage for the substitution of fluid milk. I will provide a non-dairy beverage for my child that meets the USDA-approved nutrient standards for a milk substitute as stated above.	
	I will provide a non-dairy beverage for my child that does **not** meet the USDA-approved nutrient standards for the substitution of fluid milk. I understand that the center cannot claim meals that require milk unless I get written statement from a recognized medical authority.	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:		**Date:**

CACFP
INFANT MEALS – PARENT PREFERENCE LETTER

TO: **Parents and Guardians of Infants under one year of age**

FROM:	**Name of Center or Provider**	

TOPIC: **Who will provide food for your infant's meals?**

Due to participation on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), all children enrolled at this child care center or family child care (FCC) home receive meals free of charge. The CACFP is a child nutrition program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Child care centers and family child care homes are reimbursed a meal rate to help with the cost of serving nutritious meals to enrolled children. These centers and FCC homes can be reimbursed daily for up to two meals and one snack served to each enrolled child, including infants. Emergency Shelters can be reimbursed for up to three meals. The meals must meet CACFP meal pattern requirements for children and infants.

To meet CACFP requirements, the center or FCC home is required to **offer** formula and other required infant food to all enrolled infants. The iron fortified infant formula we will provide for infants until they turn one year of age is:

Center or provider to insert the NAME OF FORMULA that they will provide	

A parent or guardian may decline the formula offered by the center or home and supply the infant's formula themselves. However, when an infant turns one year of age, the center or FCC home will begin to provide milk and the other required food items to meet the meal pattern requirements for toddler age children.

To assist us in your infant formula and food preferences, please complete preferences below by checking one item each in the formula and solid food section.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCES FOR FORMULA AND FOOD

Formula or Breast Milk: (check one)

☐ I want the center or FCC home provider to provide formula for my infant

☐ I will bring iron fortified infant formula for my infant

Parent/Guardian: List Name of Formula You Will Provide

☐ I will bring expressed breast milk for my infant

☐ I will come to the center or FCC home to breast feed my infant

Solid Food: (check one)

☐ I want the center or FCC home to provide solid food for my infant when he/she is developmentally ready for it

☐ I will bring solid food for my infant when he/she is developmentally ready for it

***Note: If your feeding preferences change, the center or provider will ask you to complete a new form.**

INFANT'S NAME:	**INFANT'S BIRTHDATE:**
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:	**DATE:**