

Completing an Application for Educational Benefits Made Easy

Select instructions that best suits your household. Submit one application per family. Complete all required information and return the application to the Food & Nutrition Department, 800 Conifer Drive, Grand Rapids MN 55744.

- **Foster Students Only**: If you are applying for meal benefits for a foster student/s in your home, complete the following required information on the application:
 - Go to Step 1: List all your foster children's first name, last name, school, grade, birthdate and check the foster child box.
 - Go to Step 4: Print your name and address. Sign and date the application.
- **Foster Students and Non-Foster Students**: If you are applying for meal benefits for foster student/s and non-foster students, complete the following required information on the application:
 - Go to Step 1: List all your foster children's first name, last name, school, grade, birthdate and check the foster child box.
 - Then follow the Steps listed in 'Based on Income' or 'Categorical' Instructions.
- **Based on Income**: If you are applying for meal benefits based on your household income, complete the following required information on the application:
 - Go to Step 1: List all your children's first name, last name, school, grade, birthdate.
 - Go to Step 3A: Enter the last 4 digits of your social security number.
 - Go to Step 3B: List all gross income received by children and how often they are paid.
 - Go to Step 3C: List all adult household members and their gross earnings in the appropriate box.
 - Go to Step 4: Print your name and address. Sign and date the application.
- **Categorical**: If you are applying for meal benefits based on your current participation in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR assistance programs, complete the following required information on the application:
 - Go to Step 1: List all your children's first name, last name, school, grade, birthdate.
 - Go to Step 2: Enter your SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR Case Number (Do not report EBT card number or Medical Assistance number).
 - Go to Step 4: Print your name and address. Sign and date the application.

Gross income total earnings received before deductions and taxes.