

School Meals Updates

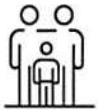


WHAT IS HAPPENING

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) waiver that provided free meals to students is expiring at the end of the school year in June 2022.

This means that school meals will no longer automatically be free for everyone and you will need to submit an application to qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch.

WAYS TO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS



Household size and Income



If you are taking part in assistance programs such as:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Or if you are experiencing homelessness, are a migrant, or a runaway

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT

Households with students enrolled in schools with the NSLP who were receiving **FREE MEALS** due to COVID-19.



NEXT STEPS FOR YOU

Watch for the 2022-2023 School Meals Application from your school if they participate in the NSLP.

Submit your application for free and reduced-priced meals *after* July 1st, 2022.

If you do not qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, they are available at the paid-rate. Schools do their best to maintain low-cost, nutritious meals to students using state and federal funding.

APPLICATION INFO

Applications open July 1st, 2022 for the 2022-2023 meal benefits.

Remember that households must apply every year to confirm eligibility for free and reduced meals.

