

**Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Statement***

PART I: Child(ren) or Adult enrolled to receive day care						
Name: (Last, First and Middle Initial)	SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR case number, or Client ID number for children only. All the above, or SSI or Medicaid case number for Adults. Note: Do not use EBT numbers. Write case number and proceed to Part III.	Children in Head Start, foster care and children who meet the definition of migrant, runaway, or homeless are eligible for free meals. Check (✓) all that apply. (See definitions in FAQs)				
		Head Start	Foster Child	Migrant	Runaway	Homeless
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART II: Report income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if participant is categorically eligible as documented in Part I.)
Are you unsure what income to include here? Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.

A. Child Income¹ - Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please indicate the TOTAL Child Income/How often? (i.e., weekly, monthly, etc.)
 income received by child household members listed in PART I here. \$ _____/_____

B. Other Household Members¹. List all household members even if they do not receive income. Also, list the adult participant if he/she did not meet eligibility in Part I. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only along the frequency i.e., twice a month, weekly, etc. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter "0" or leave any field blank you are certifying (promising) there is no income to report.

Name of Other Household Members (First and Last)	1. Earnings from work before deductions / How often?	2. Subsidies, child support, alimony / How often?	3. Social Security, pensions, retirement / How often?	4. All other income / How often?
1. _____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____
2. _____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____
3. _____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____
4. _____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____
5. _____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____	\$ _____/_____

C. Total Household Members (Adults and Children) listed in Part I and Part II _____

Social Security Number. If Part II B is completed and household members are listed (with or without income), the adult completing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I don't have a Social Security Number" box below. (See Privacy Act Statement on next page). **Failure to complete this section, if income is listed, will result in the denial of free or reduced eligibility.**

Last four Digits of Social Security Number XXX-XX _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

PART III: Enrollment Information: *Children Only*

My child is normally in attendance at the facility between the hours of _____ [am/pm] to _____ [am/pm]. (✓) Check here if only before/after school care is provided.

Circle the days your child will normally attend the center: **Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

Circle the meals your child will normally receive while in care: **Breakfast AM Snack Lunch PM Snack Supper Evening Snack**

PART IV: Signature

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 purposefully give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. This signature also acknowledges that the child(ren) or adult listed on the form in Part I are enrolled for care. If not completed fully and signed, the participant will be placed in the Paid category.

Signature: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

*This application is a revision of USDA's newly released meal benefit prototype and meets all legal requirements and reflect design best practices identified by USDA through focus testing and other research.

PART V: Participant's Ethnic and Racial Identities: *The use of racial and ethnic data is to ensure compliance with USDA nondiscrimination requirements only. Providing information in Part V is voluntary. Your response or lack of response will not impact the participant's eligibility for meals.*

Check (✓) one ethnic identity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino

Check (✓) one or more racial identities: American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Multiracial

Official Use Only Section for Provider: 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 Monthly Year Household Size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: check (✓) if applicable Eligibility: check (✓) one Free Reduced Paid

Day Care Homes Only: check (✓) one Tier I Tier II

When more than one person is performing CACFP duties, there must be at least two signatures on this form: one signature from the Determining Official (the official who determined initial income classification) and one signature from the Confirming Official (the official who verified the form's accuracy).

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Follow Up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The participant in the day care facility may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on the Annual Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Household Size	Yearly Income
1	<p>Please refer to the Income Eligibility Guidelines that are updated annually and available at</p> <p>https://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/IncomeEligibilityGuidelines.pdf</p>
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
Each additional person	Add:

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 your child for free or reduced-price meals. You must include the social security 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 SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number for your child 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 your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the Program.

Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted 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; or
2. **fax:**
 (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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INSTRUCTIONS

Households that receive SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid: Complete the following:

Part I: For family day care home and child care center, list participant's name and a SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number. For adult day care, list participant's name and a SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid case number. **Note: foster children (children placed in the household by the court system) can be included in this section. A separate form is no longer needed for foster children. Note:** Children in Foster care, enrolled in Head Start and children who meet the definition of Homeless, Migrant or Runaway are eligible for free meals. Please refer to the Q&A section for a definition of each free categorical eligibility.

Part II: Skip this part.

Part III: Child care centers only. Provide the normal days and hours your child is in attendance in the center and indicate the meals he/she normally receives while in care.

Part IV: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part V: Answer this question if you choose to.

All other Households, including WIC households, complete the following:

Part I: For family day care home, child care center or adult day care, list participant's name.

Part II: To report total household income from last month, complete the following:

A- Child Income: Please indicate the TOTAL income received by **Child** household members listed in PART I. Please list any child income and how often it is received in this section.

B – Adult Income: List the first and last name of each **Adult** person living in your household as an economic unit. You must indicate yourself and all other adult members living with you. In the case of an adult participant, the adult participant, and if residing with the adult participant, the spouse and dependent(s) of the adult participant should be listed here as well. Attach another sheet if necessary.

List Gross Income. Next to each person's name, list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received.

B-Column 1: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly).

B-Column 2: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony.

B-Column 3: List Social Security, pensions, and retirement.

B-Column 4: List all other income sources including Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits IVA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household. Report net income from self-owned businesses, farming, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

Social Security Number: If income is listed or completed in Part II, the adult completing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I don't have a Social Security Number" box.

If no income: If the person does not receive income from any source, write "0". If "0" is entered or any income fields are blank, the person is certifying that there is no income to report. Please note that the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number is REQUIRED when/if **Part II B** is completed and household members are listed (with or without income).

Sources of Income for Children		Sources of Income for Adults		
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
- Earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages	- Salary, wages, cash bonuses - Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military:	- Unemployment benefits - Worker's compensation - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Cash assistance from State or local government	• Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) • Private pensions or disability benefits • Regular income from trusts or estates • Annuities • Investment income • Earned interest • Rental income • Regular cash payments from outside household
- Social Security - Disability Payments - Survivor's Benefits	- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits - A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits	- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Alimony payments - Child support payments - Veteran's benefits - Strike benefits	
-Income from person outside the household	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money			
-Income from any other source	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust			

C – Total Household Members. Please list the total number of all household members (children and adults) in this section.

Part III: Child care centers only. Provide the normal days and hours your child is in attendance in the center and indicate the meals he/she normally receives while in care.

Part IV: An adult household member must complete this section completely and then sign the form. Please refer back to Part II to ensure the last four digits of his/her social security number have been recorded or the box has been marked if he/she does not have one.

Part V: Answer this question if you choose to.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we use the information you give us.