

FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION
LIFE SCHOOL OF DALLAS 2026-2027

Only fill out one form per household.

We will be scanning the forms on a computer. Please write neat and legible or it may delay processing your application.

You **MUST** use **BLACK** ink.

Please complete all necessary information, including your signature or it will delay processing your application.

In order for your child/children's benefits to start as quickly as possible, please complete and return it to your **child's school lunch coordinator** immediately.

(DO NOT FOLD)

Thank you,
Life School of Dallas
Child Nutrition Department

Life School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Life School** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$0.00**; lunch costs **\$3.20**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** The reduced price is **\$0.00** for breakfast and **\$0.00** for lunch. If you received a notification letter that a child is directly certified for free meals, do not complete an application. Let the school know if any children in the household attending school are not listed in the letter.

The questions and answers that follow and attached directions provide additional information on how to complete the application. Complete only one application for all the students in the household and return the completed application to

Life School Cedar Hill (K-6) Jennifer Avila, 129 West Wintergreen, Cedar Hill, TX 75104, 972-293-2825	Life School Innovation Academy (K-6) Jesekah Rogers, 950 S. I-35 E., Lancaster, TX 75146, 972-274-7950	Life School Mountain Creek (K-8) Giselle Perez, 5525 W. Illinois Ave., Dallas, TX 75211, 214-623-0012	Life School Oak Cliff (K-6) Ruby Salazar, 4400 S. R.L. Thornton Fwy., Dallas, TX 75224, 214-376-8200
Life School Oak Cliff (7-12) Ashley Mayben, 4400 S. R.L. Thornton Fwy., Dallas, TX 75224, 214-413-1612	Life School Red Oak (K-6) Lisa Pitt, 777 S. I-35 E., Red Oak, TX 75154, 469-552-9200	Life Middle School Waxahachie (7-8) Ashley Temple, 3295 Hwy 77, Waxahachie, TX 75165, 972-937-0715	Life High School Waxahachie (9-12) Robin Olivarez, 170 W. Butcher Rd., Waxahachie, TX 75165, 469-708-4444

Director of State and Federal Programs: Kay Bateman, 132 E. Ovilla Rd. Suite A, Red Oak, TX 75154, 469-850-5433, ext. 7262

If you have questions about applying for free or reduced-price meals [see contact list above].

1. Who Can Get Free Meals?

- **Income**—Children can get free or reduced-price meals if a household's gross income is within the limits described in the *Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines*.
- **Special Assistance Program Participants**—Children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are eligible for free meals.
- **Foster**—Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- **Head Start, Early Head Start, and Even Start**—Children participating in these programs are eligible for free meals.
- **Homeless, Runaway, and Migrant**—Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told about a child's status as homeless, runaway, or migrant or you feel a child may qualify for one of these programs, please call or email [Jennifer Villavaso at 469-850-5433 ext. 7237 or Jennifer.villavaso@lifeschools.net](mailto:Jennifer.Villavaso@lifeschools.net).
- **WIC Recipient**—Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

2. What If I Disagree with the School's Decision About My Application?

Talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to [Megan Beck at 469-850-5433 ext. 7261, 132 E. Ovilla Rd., Red Oak, TX 75154](mailto:Megan.Beck@lifeschools.net).

3. My Child's Application Was Approved Last Year. Do I Need To Fill Out A New One?

Yes. An application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. Send in a new application unless the school has told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

4. If I Don't Qualify Now, May I Apply Later?

Yes. Apply at any time during the school year. A child with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

5. What If My Income Is Not Always the Same?

List the amount normally received. If a household member lost a job or had hours/wages reduced, use current income.

6. We Are in The Military. Do We Report Our Income Differently?

Basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. Any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments count as income. If housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include the housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is excluded from income.

7. May I Apply If Someone in My Household Is Not a U.S. Citizen?

Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

8. Will Application Information Be Checked?

Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the reported household income.

9. My Family Needs More Help. Are There Other Programs We Might Apply For?

To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or 2-1-1.

10. Can I Apply Online?

Yes! The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <http://lifeschool.schoollunchapp.com> to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Kay Bateman, 469-850-5433 ext. 7262, 132E. Ovilla Rd, Suite A., Red Oak, TX 75154, kay.bateman@lifeschools.net if you have questions about the online application.

If you have other questions or need help, call [see contact list below].

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Avila, Jesekah Rogers, Giselle Perez, Ruby Salazar, Ashley Mayben, Lisa Pitt, Ashley Temple, and Robin Olivarez

2026 - 2027 LIFE SCHOOL OF DALLAS
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Please check if any student listed below is new to the district

PLEASE REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK. COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD. USE BLACK INK, PRINT WITHIN BOXES.

Selection boxes for school districts: Cedar Hill Elementary K-6, Lancaster Elementary K-6, Mountain Creek Elementary K-8, Oak Cliff Elementary K-6, Oak Cliff Secondary 7-12, Red Oak Elementary K-6, Life Middle School Waxahachie, Life High School Waxahachie

Part 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12.

Table for household members with columns: Student ID (Optional), First Name, MI, Last Name, Date of Birth (MM DD YY), Grade, Student Income, Frequency (Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, Annually), and program participation (Foster Child, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Head Start).

Part 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPIR?

Text area for eligibility determination: If No, go to Step 3. If yes > Write the Eligibility Determination Group Number (EDG) in this space [] skip Step 3, and go to Step 4

Part 3 Report Income for ALL Adult Household Members (Skip this step if you entered an EDG number in Step 2).

Income for Adult Household Members (Including Yourself)
List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income (without deductions) for each source in whole dollars only. Indicate the frequency of income: W=Weekly, E=Every 2 Weeks, T=Twice per Month, M=Monthly, A=Annually. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0.' If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (Children & Adults) [] Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Household Member Completing This Form: XXX-XX-[] Check if NO SSN []

Part 4 Provide Contact Information and Adult Signature.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Contact information fields: Mailing Address/Apt number, City, State, Zip Code, Email Address (Optional), Daytime Phone Number (Optional), Print Adult First Name, Print Adult Last Name, Signature of Adult Completing the Form, Today's Date

PLEASE RETURN TO CHILD'S SCHOOL LUNCH COORDINATOR or Mail to: 132 East Ovilla Rd., Suite A, Red Oak, TX 75154

Do Not Fill Out This Part. This Is For School Use Only
Multiple income frequencies must be converted to annual amounts and combined to determine household income. Do not convert if only one income frequency is provided by the household. If converting income to annual, round only the final number-Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52 | Every 2 Weeks x 26 | Twice a Month x 24 | Monthly x 12

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 last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of 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 or other FDPIR identifier for your child 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 lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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