

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

What does this mean for you and your children attending a participating school?

All enrolled students at a school that is a participant of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school each day, at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or complete an application.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS:

The CEP Provision pertains only to meals and does not extend to other educational benefits. Some examples of other educational benefits may include: test/exam fee reduction or waiver; and curricular materials (textbook rental) assistance. **All students must pay curricular material (textbook) fees unless you have been notified in writing that your child has been approved for free curricular materials (textbooks) for the 2020-2021 school year.** The purpose of the application for curricular material assistance and other assistance is to determine a child's eligibility for curricular material assistance.

WHO MAY RECEIVE OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS? Children in households receiving SNAP (Food Stamps) or TANF benefits, and foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court. Also, if your household's **gross** income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, (see Page 2), your children may receive free educational benefits.

To apply, complete a **2020-2021 Application for Educational Benefits**. See page 2 for instructions. Return the completed application to the School. **YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED OR DENIED.**

QUESTION & ANSWER:

MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of the 2020-2021 (contact the school corporation for the appropriate deadline. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price of curricular materials.

CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, OR MIGRANT CHILDREN GET OTHER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free curricular materials (textbooks). If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions please call the school's homeless liaison/migrant coordinator to see if they qualify.

WHO DO I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (grandparents, other relatives, or friends), who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all of your children who live with you. Do not include other people who live with you who are economically independent.

WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount you normally receive. For example, if you normally receive \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only received \$900, record \$1000 per month. If you normally receive overtime, include it, but not if you receive it occasionally. **If you are a seasonal or a 9, 10, or 11 month employee, list the amount you normally receive.** If you have lost your job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

WE ARE IN THE MILITARY; DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

IF MY CHILDREN DO NOT QUALIFY NOW, MAY I REAPPLY LATER? Yes, you may reapply any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible if the household income drops below the income limit.

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.

WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes, we may ask you to provide written proof of income to verify eligibility.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL
BENEFITS School year 2020-2021**

Please follow the instructions below. We cannot process an application that is incomplete, so be sure to complete ALL required information. Please use black ink and **use one application per household.**

PART 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

- List the names of all household members
- Is the member living with parent or caretaker relative? Mark 'Yes' or 'No'
- Is the member a student? Mark 'Yes' or 'No'
- Only for students: the name of the child's school building, grade, birthdate
- Check the appropriate box if the child is a foster child, homeless, runaway, or migrant
- Check if the household member has no income
- If all children are foster children, skip to Part 5

PART 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP OR TANF? If no one in your household participates in these programs, go to PART 3.

- If anyone in your household (adult or child) has a valid SNAP or TANF case number, record the case number in the boxes. (EBT, Hoosier Healthwise or Medicaid numbers DO NOT qualify a child for benefits.)

PART 3: IF ANY CHILD YOU ARE APPLYING FOR IS MIGRANT, HOMELESS, OR RUNAWAY: Check the appropriate box and call the school's homeless liaison/migrant coordinator.

PART 4: REPORT INCOME FOR ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO HAVE A SOURCE OF INCOME:

- List everyone (**related or unrelated**) living in your household who has any sources of income listed below
- For each household member list each type of gross income received. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents. (See Sources of Income below)
- Mark how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. **If the household has no income, leave all lines blank.**

PART 5: DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE CURRICULAR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE (TEXTBOOK RENTAL)? Mark 'Yes' or 'No'

- If this is left blank or 'No' is marked, the child will **not** receive curricular material assistance

PART 6: SIGNATURE:

- Fill in the last four digits of the household member's Social Security Number
- **A parent/guardian must sign and date the application.** By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported.

PART 7: RACE AND ETHNICITY:

- This section is optional

SOURCES OF ADULT INCOME

Earnings from Work— Gross income from wages, salaries, cash bonuses / Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military--Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) / allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing.

Public Assistance//Child Support/Alimony—Unemployment benefits / Worker’s compensation / SSI / Cash assistance from State or local government / Alimony payments / Child support payments / Veteran’s benefits

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income--Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) / Private Pensions or disability / Income from trusts or estates / Annuities / Investment income / Regular cash payments from outside household

SOURCES OF CHILD INCOME

Earnings from work (regular full or part-time jobs / Social Security (Disability Payments or Survivor’s Benefits) / Income from person’s outside the household / Income from any other source.

PART 8: FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HOOSIER HEALTHWISE HEALTH INSURANCE, CALL 1-800-889-9949

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2020-2021			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each additional person:	+8,288	+691	+160

Information Statement: This explains how we will use the information given to us. The information contained in the application will be used to determine eligibility for textbook assistance under Indiana Code 20-33. You do not have to provide the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for textbook assistance. 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 the State of Indiana school textbook assistance program. 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.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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, audiotope, 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.

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