

**STEP 1** List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

**Definition of Household Member:** "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related."  
  
Children in **Foster care** and children who meet the definition of **Homeless, Migrant** or **Runaway** are eligible for free meals. Read **How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals** for more information.

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Check all that apply

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

**If NO** > Go to STEP 3.      **If YES >** Write a case number here then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

Case Number:

Write only one case number in this space.

**STEP 3** Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

Are you unsure what income to include here?  
  
Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.  
  
The "Sources of Income for Children" chart will help you with the Child Income section.  
  
The "Sources of Income for Adults" chart will help you with the All Adult Household Members section.

**A. Child Income**  
Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child income: \$  How often?  Weekly  Bi-Weekly  2x Month  Monthly

**B. All 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 gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. 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.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often?				Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?			
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)  Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member   X  X  X  X       Check if no SSN

**STEP 4** Contact information and adult signature. **Mail Completed Form To: CRESCENT SCHOOL DIST., PO BOX 20, JOYCE, WA 98343**

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Street Address (if available)  Apt #  City  State  Zip  Daytime Phone and Email (optional)

Printed name of adult signing the form  Signature of adult  Today's date



## National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program 2017-18 Letter to Households (Public Schools)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter tells how your children can get free or reduced-price meals, as well as information on other benefits. The cost of school meals is shown below.

**Breakfast will be served at no cost to all Crescent students.** Lunches will be served at no cost to children who qualify for free meals and to those who qualify for reduced-price meals in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All other students (preschool and 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) will be charged the rates shown below.

Grade Level	REGULAR			Grade Level	REDUCED-PRICE		
	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack		Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
K-5	FREE	\$2.70	FREE	4-5	FREE	\$0.40	FREE
6-12	FREE	\$2.95	N/A	6-12	FREE	\$0.40	N/A
ADULT	\$2.15	\$4.30	N/A		\$	\$	\$

### WHO SHOULD FILL OUT AN APPLICATION?

Fill out the application if:

- Total household income is the SAME or LESS than the amount on the chart
- You receive Basic Food, take part in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for your children
- You are applying for foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court

Turn in the application to Crescent School District, Attn: Nora Williams, PO Box 20, Joyce, WA 98343

Be sure to submit **ONLY ONE** application per household. We will notify you if the application is approved or denied. If any child you are applying for is homeless (McKinney-Vento), or migrant, check the appropriate box.

### WHAT COUNTS AS INCOME? WHO IS CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF MY HOUSEHOLD?

Look at the income chart below. Find your household size. Find your total household income. If members in the household are paid at different times during the month and you are unsure if your household is eligible, fill out an application and we will determine your income eligibility for you. The information you give will be used to determine your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of personal use income. If you have questions about applying for meal benefits for foster children, please contact us at 360-928-3311 ext 1005.

INCOME CHART					
Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2xMonth	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 22,311	\$ 1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	\$ 30,044	\$ 2,504	\$ 1,252	\$ 1,156	\$ 578
3	\$ 37,777	\$ 3,149	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,453	\$ 727
4	\$ 45,510	\$ 3,793	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,751	\$ 876
5	\$ 53,243	\$ 4,437	\$ 2,219	\$ 2,048	\$ 1,024
6	\$ 60,976	\$ 5,082	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,346	\$ 1,173
7	\$ 68,709	\$ 5,726	\$ 2,863	\$ 2,643	\$ 1,322
8	\$ 76,422	\$ 6,371	\$ 3,186	\$ 2,941	\$ 1,471
For each additional member add:	+\$ 7,733	+\$ 645	+\$ 323	+\$ 298	+\$ 149

**HOUSEHOLD** is defined as all persons, including parents, children, grandparents, and all people related or unrelated who live in your home and share living expenses. If applying for a household with a foster child, you may include the foster child in the total household size.

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME** is considered to be the income each household member received before taxes. This includes wages, social security, pension, unemployment, welfare, child support, alimony, and any other cash income. If including a foster child as part of the household, you must also include the foster child's personal income. Do not report foster payments as income.

### WHAT MUST BE ON THE APPLICATION?

#### A. For households not getting any assistance:

- Student name(s)
- Names of all household members
- Income by source for all household members
- Adult household member's signature
- Last 4 digits of social security number of the adult household member who signs the application (or if the adult signing does not have a social security number, check the associated box).

Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Part(s) 6 (and 7) are optional.

#### C. For a family getting Basic Food/TANF/FDPIR:

- List all student names
- Enter a case number
- Adult household member's signature

Complete Parts 1, 2, 4, and 5. Part(s) 6 (and 7) are optional.

#### B. For households with only foster child(ren)

- Student's name
- Adult household member signature

Complete Parts 1 and 5. Part(s) 6 (and 7) are optional. You may also send the school a copy of the court documentation showing the foster child(ren) was placed with you instead of filling out an application form.

**Last 4 digits of SSN are not required for B.**

#### D. For household with a foster child(ren) and other children:

Apply as a household and include foster children. Follow the directions for "A. Households not getting any assistance" and include the foster child's personal use income.

**Last 4 digits of SSN are not required for D.**

## National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program 2017-18 Letter to Households (Public Schools)

### WHAT IF I'M NOT RECEIVING BASIC FOOD DOLLARS?

If you have been approved for Basic Food but do not actually receive Basic Food dollars, you may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. You must apply for meal benefits by filling out a meal application and returning it to your child's school.

### DO MY CHILDREN AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY IF THEY HAVE A CASE NUMBER?

Yes. Children on TANF or Basic Food may get free meals without the household having to complete an application. These children are identified by the school using a data matching process. This matched list is then made available to your child's school food service staff. The students on this list get free meals if their schools have the free and reduced-price breakfast and/or lunch program (not all schools do). Please contact us immediately if you feel your children should be receiving free meals and are not. If you do not want your child to participate in the free meal programs using this method, please notify the school.

### IF ANYONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS A CASE NUMBER, WILL ALL CHILDREN QUALIFY FOR FREE MEALS?

Yes. If someone else in the household has a case number, other than a foster child, you must fill out an application and send it to your student's school. Please contact us immediately if you feel other children in your household should be receiving free meals and are not.

### BASIC FOOD – CAN I QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUYING FOOD?

Basic Food is the state's food stamp program. It helps households make ends meet by providing monthly benefits to buy food. Getting Basic Food is easy! You can apply in person at the local DSHS Community Service Office, by mail, or online. There are other benefits too. You can learn about Basic Food by calling 1-877-501-2233 or by logging on to [Food Help \(http://www.foodhelp.wa.gov/basic\\_food.htm\)](http://www.foodhelp.wa.gov/basic_food.htm).

### 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, 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.

### 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 this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

### WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?

Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

### HEALTH COVERAGE

To inquire about or apply for health care coverage for kids in your family, please visit [Washington Health Plan Finder \(http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org\)](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org) or you may call at 1-855-923-4633.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS SPECIAL FOODS?

If your child needs special foods, contact the school/district food service office.

### PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

The information you provide may be verified at any time. You may be asked to send additional information to prove your child is eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals.

### FAIR HEARING

If you do not agree with the decision on your child's application or the process used to prove income eligibility, you may talk with [Dave Bingham](#), the fair hearing official. You have the right to a fair hearing which may be arranged by calling the school/school district at this number [360-928-3311, ext 1003](#).

### REAPPLICATION

You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If you should have a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or become unemployed, or receive Basic Food, TANF, or FDIPIR, you may be eligible for benefits and may fill out an application at that time.