Iowa Eligibility Application

FFY 12-13

Complete one application per household. School Year 2012-2013

Part 1. Check all applicable boxes:

- ☐ school meals
- ☐ special milk (restrictions apply)
- ☐ children in child care center
- ☐ Tier I home provider (HP)
- ☐ Head Start/Even Start
- ☐ children in child care home(HP) Provider name:

Part 2. Children enrolled. REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS. If eligible, list FIP or Food Assistance Case Number.

List name(s) of all enrolled child(ren) in your household. Children's Racial and Ethnic identities are optional. Provide one or more if you choose (see code).

Ethnicity: H=Hispanic or Latino, N=Non Hispanic or Latino

Race: A=Asian B=Black or African American I=American Indian or Alaska Native P=Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander W=White

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Check box for FOSTER child	Date of Birth	Grade	OPTIONAL ETHNICITY	OPTIONAL RACE	Name of School/Head Start/ Child Care Center/Home
1.			☐					
2.			☐					
3.			☐					
4.			☐					
5.			☐					

FIP or Food Assistance Eligible: Enter the FIP or Food Assistance Case Number for ANY household member as listed in the Notice of Decision. NOTE: Medicaid, Title XIX, FIP card number and EBT card number are not acceptable.

Name of household member with Case Number _____ **List Case Number** _____

Part 3. Total Household Gross Income. DO NOT COMPLETE PART 3 IF YOU LISTED A FIP OR FOOD ASSISTANCE NUMBER IN PART 2.

Report the gross income received by EACH household member one time in the correct column: weekly, every 2 weeks, twice a month or monthly. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions, not take-home pay. Report all other monthly income received. Self-employed persons, see the worksheet on reverse side of this application.

List the names of everyone living in your household, including the children listed in Part 2. Attach a separate page if more space is needed. For FOSTER children, include only money available for child's personal use or child's own income.

Last Name	First Name	Age	Check if NO Income	Gross Income: Report income by how often the household member is paid. Gross amount earned weekly	Gross amount earned every 2 weeks	Gross amount earned twice a month	Gross amount earned monthly	Other Monthly Payments or Income Received. Welfare, child support, alimony, adoption subsidies	Pension, retirement, social security, SSI, VA benefits	All other income
1.			☐							
2.			☐							
3.			☐							
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5.			☐							
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My Social Security Number: **X XX - X X** - ___ ___ ___ __ ☐ I do not have a Social Security Number.

If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must provide the last 4 digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. **For further information refer to the Privacy Act Statement in the parent letter.**

Part 4. Certification and Signature. REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported if required. I understand that I will receive benefits from Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal/milk benefits, and I may be prosecuted. Email of Adult completing Form_____

Signature of Adult Completing Form _____ Printed Name of Adult Completing Form _____ Date Signed _____

Address of Adult Completing Form _____ Town _____ ZIP Code _____ Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Part 5. DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY.

Income conversion factors for annual income: weekly X 52; two weeks X 26; twice a month X 24; monthly X 12

Household Income: $ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 Weeks ☐ Twice Monthly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually Household Size _____

Application Approved: ☐ Income ☐ Foster Child (free) ☐ FIP/Food Assistance ☐ Head Start DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED ☐ Homeless/Migrant (Schools only)

Eligibility Determination: ☐ Free Meals ☐ Reduced Price Meals ☐ Free Milk

Application Denied: ☐ Incomplete ☐ Over income limits

CACFP HP ONLY:
- ☐ Tier 1 Area (Provider's own children)
- ☐ Tier 1 Income (All children)
- ☐ Tier 1 Child (Tier 2 mixed)

Determining Official Signature _____ **Effective Date** _____

Confirming Official Signature (Schools only) _____ **Date** _____

Follow-Up Official Signature (Schools only) _____ **Date** _____

hawk-i /Medicaid Information Form: Read this information and sign if you do not want your name released to *hawk-i* or Medicaid.

If your children do not have health insurance, many families getting free and reduced price meals can also get free or low-cost health insurance for their children.

The law requires schools to share your free and reduced price meal eligibility information with Medicaid and *hawk-i*, the State's medical insurance program for children. Specifically, we will give them your child's name and your name and address. Medicaid and *hawk-i* can only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance and then to contact you. They are not allowed to use the information from your free and reduced meal application for any other purpose.

Childcare organizations may share this information at their option.

You are not required to allow us to share information from your children's free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or the *hawk-i* program. It will not affect your children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals. If you do NOT want your information shared with Medicaid or *hawk-i*, you must tell us by completing the information below at the time you complete this eligibility application. If you want further information, you may call *hawk-i* at 1-800-257-8563.

I DO NOT want school/home sponsor/child care or Head Start center officials to share information from my free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or *hawk-i*. Also, if you are already receiving Medicaid or *hawk-i*, please sign below. This will avoid another contact.

Child's Name: _____ School/Child Care/Head Start Center:_____

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)_____ **Signature**_____ **Date**_____

Self-Employment Income Worksheet: This worksheet will assist you in calculating the amount to report if you engage in farming, are self employed or have income from other sources.

Persons who are engaged in farming or who operate other types of private businesses may experience variations in cash flow or monthly income throughout the year. These persons may use their income tax records from the preceding calendar year as a basis for applying for the free and reduced price meals. The income to be reported is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as medical expenses and other non-business deductions are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

If you have additional income from other kinds of employment, this income must be treated as separate and apart from the income generated from your business venture. USDA **DOES NOT** recognize income the same way as IRS. USDA does not permit a loss from a business venture to off-set earnings from wages or salary. Though your business may have suffered a net operational loss, for purposes of this application, it is not possible to have a negative income. **The least self employed income possible is zero (no income).** For example, if you operated a business at a net loss but held another job where you received wages, your income for purposes of applying for free or reduced price meals would be the income from your wages only. The loss from the business cannot be deducted from the amount of the income earned in the other job.

A prior year loss from farming or other private business operation cannot be used to reduce the current year net income for determining free and reduced price eligibility. Wages paid to a spouse or other family member in the operation of a farm or private business must be shown as household income in Part 3 of the application.

Income from private business operations is to be taken from your most recent U.S. Individual Income Tax Return - Form 1040. Use the lines from the 1040 that are identified.

Line 12 - Business income or (loss)	$ _____
Line 13 - Capitol gain or (loss)	$ _____
Line 14 - Other gains or (losses)	$ _____
Line 17 - Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.	$ _____
Line 18 - Farm income or (loss)	$ _____
Total	$ _____
The least income possible is zero (a negative number cannot be reported)	Total ÷12* = _____

*Enter amount in the "All Other Income Last Month" column in Part 3 on the front of the Iowa Eligibility Application.