Iowa CACFP Child Care Center Parent/ Guardian Letter - Non-pricing (front) Rev. 7/12

Purpose: The attached Iowa Eligibility Application is used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meal reimbursement. The instructions for completion are on the back of this letter.
Instructions to centers: Choose Form A if you do not have a separate charge for meals. Copy this letter (front and back) and staple to each Iowa Eligibility application that is distributed to families of enrolled participants.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Participants are not charged separately for meals. However, by participating in this Program, the center receives partial reimbursement for nutritious meals served to children. The amount of reimbursement the center receives is determined by the information you provide. Providing information can help your center purchase nutritious food. Higher reimbursement will be given to the center for meals served to enrolled children from families whose income is at or below the level shown in the chart below. Please read the instructions on the back, complete, sign and return the attached income application as soon as possible. An application that does not contain all required information cannot be used by the center. If required information is missing, free or reduced-price meal benefits will be denied. Call your center if you need help with the form. The information reported on this form will be filed and treated as confidential.

A foster child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may be certified as eligible for free meals regardless of your household income. See instructions on the back for more information.

If you do not qualify now to receive free or reduced price meals, you may apply for benefits at any time during the year. If you have a decrease in household income, have an increase in family size or have enrolled children that become eligible for food assistance or FIP, you may fill out an application at that time.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Reduced Price Meals
Effective 7-1-2012 to 6-30-2013

Household Size	Reduced Price Meals				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,665	1,723	862	795	398
2	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384
For each additional family member add:	+7,326	+611	+306	+282	+141

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

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. The last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application must be listed. The social security information is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or if you list a Food Assistance number, or Family Investment Program number, 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 CACFP. 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 Statements: Explain what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Iowa Non-Discrimination Notice: It is the policy of this CNP provider not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by this CNP Provider, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; web site: http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html.

Instructions for Completing Iowa Eligibility Application

Complete both sides of an application for each household.

Part 1. **All applicants should complete this part.** This application may be used to apply for benefits in school meals or milk programs, child care centers and home based care for children. Check all boxes that apply to your family. You may make copies of a completed application for each program in which your child participates.

FOSTER CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD, follow these instructions. A foster child is a child who is living with a household but who remains the legal responsibility of the welfare agency or court. Foster children can be included as household members or included on a separate application.

Part 2. List the child's name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center attended. Check the box for foster child. Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of your foster child's ethnic and racial status if you do not fill this section.
Part 3. Complete this section only if the foster child receives money for personal use or has other regular personal income. If the foster child has no income, check the box indicating no income. DO NOT include the stipend received by the foster family to provide care to the foster child.
Part 4. Read the certification and complete this section.

FIP or FOOD ASSISTANCE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, including child in Head Start or Even Start, follow these instructions.

Part 2..List the name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center attended for each child in your household. List one FIP or Food Assistance **Case Number** per household in the area provided. **Use the Home Case Number listed in the DHS Notice of Decision**. Eligibility based on Head Start or Even Start is available only if your child is enrolled in Head Start and documentation from the Head Start agency is provided. **NOTE: Medicaid, Title XIX, FIP card number and EBT card numbers are not acceptable.** Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of your child's ethnic and racial status if you do not complete this section.
Part 3. Skip this section.
Part 4. Read the certification and complete this section.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions for reporting income.

Part 2. List the name, date of birth, grade (if applicable), name of school/Head Start/child care center/home attended for each child in your household. Provide ethnic and racial information if you choose, but the school/Head Start/child care will make the determination of each child's ethnic and racial status if you do not complete this section.
Part 3. Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Name: List the last and first names of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends); include yourself and all children living with you. The household decides whether to include the foster child on their household application with non-foster children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.

Age: List the age of each household member.

Check if No Income: Put a mark in the box if the household member **does not** have an income.

Gross Income last month and how it was received: Report the amount of income received in the appropriate Gross Income column (weekly, every 2 weeks, twice monthly, **or** monthly). 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. If you have a household member for whom last month's income was higher or lower than usual, list that person's expected average income. If the household includes the foster child, they must report any personal income received by the foster child on the foster parent's household application.

Other Monthly Payments or Income: Money is reported in this section if it is regularly received. List the amount each person received last month from welfare, child support, alimony, adoption subsidies, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Veteran's benefits (VA benefits). In the **All Other Income** column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, cash withdrawn from savings, investments or trusts, interest and **ANY OTHER INCOME**. Use the Self-Employment Income Worksheet on the back of the application to calculate net income for self-owned businesses, farm, or rental income and report in the **All Other Income** column. **Do not report**: Scholarships, educational benefits, lump sum payments, combat pay, Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) or children's incidental income from occasional activities such as babysitting, shoveling snow, or cutting grass. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative or get combat pay do not include these allowances.

Social Security Number: If the application is being made on the basis of income, 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. If you do not provide your Social Security information or mark the box, your application cannot be processed.

Part 4. Read the certification and complete this section.