Free and Reduced Lunch Form

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Public Release

The West Fork Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program, Afterschool Snack Program, and/or School Breakfast Program Households may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Applications may be found at the West Fork School Administration Office and/or www.westforkschools.org Households that participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must complete and return the application. Applications will be considered incomplete if all information is not provided as described in the instructions provided with the application. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year as circumstances change provided that the loss of income causes the household income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility criteria.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for School Year 2026-2027

Households with children who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, may submit an application with abbreviated information as described in the application instructions.

All applications are subject to verification. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request to: John Unger at 479-839-2231 ext. 5005.

Children who are enrolled in Head Start / Even Start programs are categorically eligible for free meals. Contact Amber Denny at 479-839-2231 ext. 5001 with questions regarding Head Start / Even Start meal benefits.

Children certified as foster, migrant, homeless or runaway by the district are categorically eligible for free meals. Contact Dena McKnight at 479-839-2231 ext. 2028 with questions regarding foster, migrant, homeless or runaway meal benefits.

Households who are notified of their eligibility but who do not want their children to receive free meals must contact the school. SNAP households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for School Year 2026-2027

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guideline	Free Meals 130%					Reduced Meals 185%				
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,960	20,748	1,729	865	798	399	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	21,640	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	27,320	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	33,000	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	38,680	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	44,360	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	50,040	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	55,720	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
each add 'l person add	5,680	7,384	616	308	284	142	10,508	876	438	405	203

Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division

Welcome!

This is the West Fork School District electronic application for free and reduced priced meals for the USDA’s National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs.

This interactive application will guide you through the application process. When you are ready to apply, click the ‘Get started’ button below to begin.

If you would like to apply using the paper application, you can print and complete it and then return it to us at 359 School Ave, West Fork, AR, 72774.

Before you begin...

there are a few things you should know.

If you received a letter from the school saying that your children were automatically approved (directly certified) for free meals for the 2025–2026 school year because someone in your household participates in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) then you do not need to submit an application.

We need only one application per household. Each application should include all children and adults living in that household.

Eligibility for free or reduced price school meal benefits is based on any one of these three things:

- your total household income and size in the month the application is filled out, or the month before, or
- your child’s individual status as foster, homeless, migrant or runaway, or
- participation in an assistance program by any member of your household

Your US citizenship or immigration status does not affect your eligibility for free and reduced price benefits.

Things you'll need

Lastly, we compiled a list of the information you might need to complete the application.

If you have this information handy, it will make the application process fast and easy.

- If you participate in SNAP, TANF , or FDPIR you will need to know your case number (not your card or account number).
- If you do not participate in any of the above assistance programs, you will need to report your total household income. In that case…
  - if anyone in your household has a job, you may need to reference the earnings statements or pay stubs to report your gross income, which is different from the amount you actually receive in your paycheck.
  - if anyone receives Social Security or retirement benefits, you may need to gather the benefit statements to report the amount and frequency of the payments.
  - you may also need to reference other financial documents for additional sources of income.

Still not sure if you have everything you need? Don’t worry! The income section of the application contains detailed instructions and explanations about the sources of income you must include, and you can gather additional information then.

Legal Statements

Almost done! Please read and acknowledge the following legal statements.

Use of Information Statement

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 submit all needed information, 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 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.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

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, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/general-information/staff-offices/office-assistant-secretary-civil-rights/how-file-program-discrimination-complaint, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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SNAP Definitions

If anyone in your household participates in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR then sdf sdf is eligible for free school meals.

> A household is defined as a group of people, related or unrelated, that usually live together and share income and expenses.
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> This includes grandparents or other extended family members that are living with you. It also includes people that are not currently living with you, but are only away on a temporary basis, like kids that are away at college. It includes people regardless of age or whether they earn or receive income.
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> If you need more detailed information, see the ‘WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY HOUSEHOLD?’ question in Help.