



FLOWING WELLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Flowing Wells School District** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0.95 at elementary and \$1.10 at Junior High and High School; lunch costs \$2.50 at elementary, \$2.70 at Junior High and \$2.85 at High School. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?

- a. All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations)** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income.
- b. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- c. Children participating in their school’s Head Start Program are eligible for free meals.
- d. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- e. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household’s gross income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2018-2019			
Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$432
2	\$30,451	\$2,538	\$586
3	\$38,443	\$3,204	\$740
4	\$46,435	\$3,870	\$893
5	\$54,427	\$4,536	\$1,047
6	\$62,419	\$5,202	\$1,201
7	\$70,411	\$5,868	\$1,355
8	\$78,403	\$6,534	\$1,508
Each additional person:	+\$7,992	+\$666	+\$154

- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Audrey Reff at 520-696-8863; audrey.reff@fwusd.org**
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **School Cafeteria Managers or Food Service Office located at 4545 N. La Cholla Blvd., Tucson AZ 85705.**
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Mercy Ruiz at 520-696-8624; luz.ruiz@fwusd.org** immediately.
- 5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? Yes, you are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and asks you for the same information as the paper application. Visit <http://fwusd.nlappscloud.com> to begin.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 school days of this 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 for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Dr. Kimberley Parkinson, 1556 W. Prince Rd., Tucson AZ 85705, 520-696-8822.**
11. 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 for free or reduced-price meals. Our organization does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the School Nutrition Programs.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application.
16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS FOR WHICH WE MIGHT APPLY? To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-352-8401.

If you have other questions or need help, call **520-696-8624**.

Sincerely,

Carl Thompson
Director of Dining Services
Flowing Wells Unified School District

2018-2019 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1

List ALL infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 in your household (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.

Child's First Name

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<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Last Name

School Name

Check all that apply

Foster Child Homeless, Migrant, Runaway

STEP 2

Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? Circle one: Yes / No

If you answered **NO** > Complete STEP 3.

If you answered **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 to the back of this application 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 Adult Household Members Income Section.

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL GROSS income earned by all Children Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Child GROSS income

				How often?			
				Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List only the Adult Household Members (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total GROSS income (amount before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars 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)	GROSS Earnings from Work	How often?				Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony	How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?							
		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly				
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C. 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	X	X				
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Check if no SSN

STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature

Mail Completed Form to: Flowing Wells USD, Food Service, 4545 N. La Cholla Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85705

"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."

Signature of adult completing the form

Today's date

Printed name of adult completing the form

Daytime Phone and Email (optional)

Street Address (if available)

Apt #

City

State

Zip

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Eligibility: Free ___ Reduced ___ Denied ___

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Case # Application Foster Application Directly Certified: Date of Disregard: _____

Income Application

Household Size: _____

Total Income: _____ Per: Week Bi-Weekly (Every 2 Weeks) 2x Month Monthly Annual

Selected For Verification: Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Follow-Up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children	
Type of Income	Examples
Earnings from work	A child has a job where they earn a salary or wages.
Social Security -Disability payments	A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits.
-Survivor Benefits	A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased and their child receives social security benefits.
Income from persons <u>outside</u> the household	A friend or extended family member <u>regularly</u> gives a child spending money.
Income from any other source	A child receives income from a private pension fund, annuity or trust.

Sources of Income for Adults		
Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/ Alimony/Child Support	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income
- Salary, wages, cash bonuses	- Unemployment benefits	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)	- Workers Compensation	- Private Pensions or disability
	- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	- Regular income from trusts or estates
If you are in the U.S. Military: - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances)	- Cash Assistance from State or local government	- Annuities
	- Alimony payments	- Investment Income
-Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Child support payments	- Rental Income
	- Veteran's benefits	- Regular cash payments from outside household
	- Strike benefits	

OPTIONAL Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):

- Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more):

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

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. 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 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.

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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