

**2023-2024 Iowa Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk** Complete one application per household. Use a pen (not a pencil).  
 Please read **How to Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals** for more information on completing this application.

**STEP 1**

**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. 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.

List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach the supplemental worksheet)

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Date of Birth	Student		Child's School	Grade	Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway	OPTIONAL	
				Yes	No					Ethnicity	Race
								Check all that apply		H=Hispanic or Latino N=Non-Hispanic/Latino	A=Asian W=White I=American Indian/Alaskan Native B=Black/African American P=Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

**STEP 2**

Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, FIP or FDIIP? If No, go to STEP 3. If you answered Yes, write a case number here then go to STEP 4. (Do not complete STEP 3)

Write only one case number in this space. Medicaid and EBT card numbers are NOT acceptable.

**STEP 3**

Report income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered Yes to STEP 2) Apply online.

**A. Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults)**

B. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member (last 4 digits)	XXX-XX-	C. Check No SSN (adult):
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**D. All Adult Household Members (include yourself):** List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 even if they do not receive income. 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. Applications with blank income fields will be processed as complete. If more spaces are required for additional names, attach the supplemental worksheet. The sources of income for adults section will help you with the adult income. Report all income in whole dollar amounts before deductions or taxes.

Names of All Adult Household Members	Gross Earnings from Work/All Other Income				Gross Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony				Gross Pension/Retirement				
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Yearly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Yearly	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Monthly	Yearly	
First and Last Names. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.	\$												
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Total Income Received by All Children				\$	Total Income Received by All Children				\$	Total Income Received by All Children			

**E. Child Income:** Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL gross earned income by all Children listed in STEP 1 here. The sources of income for children section will help you with the Child Income.

**STEP 4**

**Contact Information and Adult Signature**

"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

Printed name of adult completing the form

Signature & Effective Date of Determining Official

Signature & Date of Verification Follow-Up

Street Address (if available)

Street Address (if available)

Annual Income Conversion

Return completed form to Cherokee Community School

Household Size:

Application #

Signature & Effective Date of Determining Official

Signature & Date of Verification Follow-Up

Application

Application Denied

Eligibility Determination

Application Denied

Free

Over Income Limits

**PAGE TWO CONTAINS MORE INFORMATION**

**Low-Cost Health Insurance for Children**

If your children do not have health insurance, many families getting free or reduced price meals can also get free or low-cost health insurance for their children. The law requires public schools to share your free and reduced price meal eligibility information with Medicaid & Hawki, the State's medical insurance program for children. Private schools, RCCIs and childcare organizations may choose to share this information. Specifically, we will give them your child's name, your name & address. Medicaid & Hawki can only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance and contact you. They are not allowed to use the information from your free and reduced meal application for any other purpose or to share it with any other entity or program. You are not required to allow us to share this information, it will not affect your child's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. **If you do NOT want your information shared with Medicaid or Hawki, you must tell us by completing the information below.** If you want further information, you may call Hawki at 1-800-257-8563. Also, if you are already receiving Medicaid or Hawki, please sign below. This will avoid another contact.

My signature below indicates I DO NOT want school officials to share information from my free and reduced price meal application with Medicaid or Hawki.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 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), Family Investment Program (FIP) 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, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

**USDA Nondiscrimination Statement:** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted 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; or
- 2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- 3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Translated applications are available at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/translated-applications>

**Waiver Information**

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits such as full or partial waiver of school fees. If you would like to be considered for full or partial waiver of fees, please read and sign the last page of the application.

\*Do not mail applications to this address, only complaints of discrimination.

**Return completed form to:**

Cherokee Community School  
Attn: Andrea Gebers  
600 W Bluff St.  
Cherokee, IA 51012

**Iowa Non-Discrimination Statement:** "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, age, or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.6, 216.7, and 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; website: <https://iwcrc.iowa.gov/>."

Sources of Child Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earnings from work</li> <li>• Social Security(disability payments and survivor's benefits)</li> <li>• Income from person outside the household</li> <li>• Income from any other source</li> </ul>

Earnings from Work (Adult Income Sources)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes)</li> <li>• Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>• If you are in the U.S. Military:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>b. Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support (Adult Income Sources)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Assistance from State/local government</li> <li>• Supplemental Security Income</li> <li>• Unemployment benefits</li> <li>• Worker's compensation</li> <li>• Alimony or child support payments</li> <li>• Veteran's benefits</li> <li>• Strike benefits</li> </ul>

All Other Income (Adult Income Sources)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security</li> <li>• Disability benefits</li> <li>• Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>• Annuities</li> <li>• Investment income</li> <li>• Rental income</li> <li>• Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

**WAIVER STATEMENT**

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. If you sign this waiver, your child(ren) will be considered for a full or partial waiver of school fees. I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free and reduced price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for waiver of school fees ONLY. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS WAIVER TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS.**

Signature of Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_