Dear Parent/Guardian:

All enrolled students, at MSD of Martinsville, are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge to your household. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in the meal programs without having to pay a fee or complete an application. Households should still fill out an application if they would like to be eligible for other educational benefits. Some examples of other educational benefits may include curricular (textbook) assistance, test/exam fee reduction or waiver, and eligibility for other discounts or program opportunities.

- 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS?
 - All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP (Food Stamps) or TANF, are eligible for free benefits.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free benefits.
 - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free benefits.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free benefits.
 - Children may receive free or reduced benefits if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced benefits if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

| FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2021-22 | | | | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|--|--|
| Household size | Yearly | Monthly | Weekly | | |
| 1 | 23,828 | 1,986 | 459 | | |
| 2 | 32,227 | 2,686 | 620 | | |
| 3 | 40,626 | 3,386 | 782 | | |
| 4 | 49,025 | 4,086 | 943 | | |
| 5 | 57,424 | 4,786 | 1,105 | | |
| 6 | 65,823 | 5,486 | 1,266 | | |
| 7 | 74,222 | 6,186 | 1,428 | | |
| 8 | 82,621 | 6,886 | 1,589 | | |
| Each additional | +8,399 | +700 | +162 | | |
| person: | | | | | |

- 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 haven't been told your children will get free benefits, please call or e-mail your school counselor or Food Service Office.
- 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 Secretary, High School Bookstore, Kitchen Manager or Food Service Office.
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE BENEFITS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Donna Magness, Food Service Support Specialist 765-349-4452 ext 3, donna.magness@msdmartinsville.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 will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit **artiescafe.org** to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact **Kurt A. Bodell, Director at 765-349-4452 ext 1** if you have any questions about the online application.
- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year through September 22nd,2021. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new 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 benefits, your child will be charged the full price of curricular fees.
- 7. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF MY CHILDREN RECEIVED FREE OR REDUCED BENEFITS AT THEIR PREVIOUS SCHOOL? If it is the beginning of the school year and you have not been notified that your children will receive free or reduced benefits for the upcoming year, you will need to fill out an application. If your children transferred during the school year and they were receiving free or reduced benefits at the previous school, contact i Donna Magness, Food Service Support Specialist 765-349-4452 ext 3, donna.magness@msdmartinsville.org immediately.
- 8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE BENEFITS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced benefits. Please send in an application.
- 9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 10. 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 benefits if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 11. 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: Kurt A. Bodell, 389 E Jackson St, Martinsville, In 46151, 765-349-4452, kurt.bodell@msdmartinsville.org.
- 12. 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 benefits.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T 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. Contact **your building secretary** to receive a second application.
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP (Food Stamp) or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-403-0864.

If you have other questions or need help, call 765-349-4452.

Sincerely,

Donna Magness, Support Specialist

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED BENEFITS FOR CURRICULAR MARTERIALS & MEAL BENEFITS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced benefits. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in MSD of Martinsville. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced benefits. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact MSD of Martinsville Food Service Office at 765-349-4452.

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12 IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending MSD of Martinsville, regardless of age.

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.

B) Is the child a student at MSD of Martinsville? Mark 'Yes' or 'No' under the column titled "Student" to tell us which children attend MSD of Martinsville. If you marked 'Yes,' write the name of the school building, birthdate, and grade level of the student in the 'Grade' column to the right. Is the child living with parent or caretaker relative? Mark 'Yes' or 'No' next to each child.

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing **STEP 1**, go to **STEP 4**.

Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application.

STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP or TANF?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school benefits:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

• Leave STEP 2 blank and go to STEP 3.

B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

- Write a case number for SNAP or TANF. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: 1-800-403-0864.
- Go to STEP 4.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

• Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Adults" and "Sources of Income for Children," located below to determine if your household has income to report.

| Sources of Income for Children | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sources of Child Income | Example(s) | | | |
| -Earnings from work | -A child has a regular full or part-time job when they earn a salary or wages | | | |
| -Social Security -Disability Payments -Survivor's Benefits | -A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits -A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits | | | |
| -Income from person outside the household | -A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money | | | |
| -Income from any other source | -A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust | | | |

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

- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
 - o Gross income is the total income received before taxes
- o Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

3.B REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- Do NOT include:
- People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
- Infants, Children and students already listed in **STEP 1**.
- B) List adult household members' names. Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1. If a child listed in STEP 1 has income, follow the instructions in STEP 3, part A.
- C) Report earnings from work. Report all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.
- What if I am self-employed? Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.
- D) Report income from public assistance/child **support/alimony.** Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.

- E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income" field on the application.
- F) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members" (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced benefits.
- G) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

- A) Print and sign your name. Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of adult."
- B) Provide your contact information. Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced benefits. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.
- C) Mail Completed Form to: Any MSD of Martinsville School
- MSD of Martinsville **Food Service Office** 389 E. Jackson St Martinsville, In 46151
- D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced benefits.

STEP 5: OTHER BENEFITS - OPTIONAL

The following sections are optional and do not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price benefits. Be sure to fill out A) Textbook Assistance, though, if you do want curricular material fee assistance. If this is left blank then your household will be charged the full price of curricular material fees.

A) Textbook (Curricular Material) Assistance

If you want to receive textbook assistance, check 'Yes' and then read, sign, and date the section to the right. If you do not want to receive textbook assistance, check 'No'.

B) Hoosier Healthwise Disclosure

If you want to share your child's free/reduced eligibility in order to qualify for free or low-cost health insurance under Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise, sign and date this section.

***** Books and support materials are purchased through a fee program provided by Indiana Statute. Textbooks are purchased on a six-year cycle at a price guaranteed by state bid. Costs are different at each grade level and are monitored by the State Board of Accounts.

In addition to textbook rental, a fee structure is set up for each content, specialty area, and/or grade level to assist in the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment other than textbooks.

Parents who are eligible for curricular materials assistance are encouraged to apply at the time of registration or anytime during the school year. Consumable Materials Fees are not eligible for assistance and must be paid by everyone. If you have questions, please contact ECA Treasurer at 765-342-6641 x1010 or your school secretary.

MSD of Martinsville Food Service Department

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To better serve our families, the information you provided on your *Free and Reduced-price School Meals/Milk Application* may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. We must have your permission to share this information with other programs. Please sign below for any additional benefits you are interested in receiving. By signing for the benefits, you are certifying that you are the parent/guardian of the children for whom the application is being made.

| Note: Submitting this form will not change whether yo | our chile | dren get free or reduced | -price meals benefits | s. |
|---|-----------|---|--|------------------|
| YES, I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced-price School Meals/Milk Application with MSD of Martinsville sponsored programs that pertain to my student including but not limited to the list below. | | NO, I do NOT want in Reduced-price School any of these programs pay for items listed on | Meals/Milk Applica and understand I wi | tion shared with |
| PSAT/SAT/ACT Exam Waivers | | | | |
| NCAA Clearinghouse Waiver | | | | |
| Eye Glass Program | | | | |
| Angel Tree Program | | | | |
| YMCA After School Program | | | | |
| Other Program Waivers | | | | |
| PLEASE PRINT | | | | |
| Child's Name: | | School: | | |
| Child's Name: | | School: | | |
| Child's Name: | | School: | | |
| Child's Name: | | School: | | |
| Parent/Guardian Name: | | | | |
| Address: | | City: | State: | Zip: |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian: | | | Date: | |

For more information, please call Donna Magness at 765-349-4452 ext. 3. Return this form to any MSD of Martinsville school or mail to Martinsville Food Service, 389 East Jackson Street, Martinsville, IN 46151.

MSD of Martinsville- Arties Café (Also available on skyward Family Access) 2020-2021 Household Application for Curricular Materials & Meal Assistance

Prescribed by State Board of Accounts School Form No. 521/2018

| ion of Household | Child's First Name | MI | Child's Last Name | Student? Yes No | Only Students: Name of School Building | Only Students: Only Students: care | g with parent or etaker relative? Foster 'es No Child | Homeless Migrant, Runaway |
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| ot related." | 2 | | | | | | t apply | |
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| Do any H | Household Members (including you | u) currer | ntly participate in one or more of the fo | llowing assis | tance programs: SNAP | (Food Stamp) or TAN | IF? | |
| | If NO > Go to STEP 3. | If | YES > Write a case number here then go to STE | P 4 (Do not comp | lete STEP 3) | Case Number: / / | 11111 | 1 1 |
| | | | | . <u>120</u> | | Write only | one case number in this | s space. |
| Repor | t Income for ALL Household Me | mbers (<mark>I</mark> | If you answered Yes and INCLUDED the ca | se number in S | TEP 2 you can skip to STE | <mark>P 3)</mark> | | |
| urces of e for Adults will help the All lousehold | before any taxes or deductions (promising) that there is no income to rep. Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last | or each so ort. t) | Earnings from Work Weekly Every 2 Wks 2x Month Monthly Weekly Every 2 Wks 2x Month Monthly | Public Assistance Child Support/Alin \$ \$ \$ \$ | m any source, write '0'. If you er How often? | tter '0' or leave any fields bla | How often? Weekly Every 2 Wks 2x Mc | |
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| P5 Other Benefits – This | section does not need to be completed to | receive free or reduced price meal | benefits. |
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| want to receive Textbook Assistance? Yes If yes, sign to the right | information on this application for textbook ass | ild(ren) for whom application is being made. My sistance. I give up my right of confidentiality for thinly and Social Services Administration pursuant to Parts 260 and 265. | is purpose only. This application |
| No | | | ☐ Not Applica |
| / | Signature of adult completing the form | Today's | date |
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| required to ask for information about your child | dren's race and ethnicity. This information is important and | I helps to make sure we are fully serving our comm | unity. Responding to this section is optional and does |
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| Hispanic or Latino | American Indian or Alaskan Native | ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Is | lander |
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| Not Hispanic or Latino | Black or African American | | |
| have a social security number. We will use yo ed price meals, and for administration and enfo ur eligibility information with education, health, e benefits for their programs, auditors for prog- violations of program rules. lance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Dep the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employee | | office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and proform. To request a copy of the complaint form, call to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov This institution is an equal opportunity provider. | |
| | | DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE VERSION to YEARLY: | |
| WEEKLY X 52 | | TWICE A MONTH X 24 | MONTHLY X 12 |
| Income Eligibility: Total Household Size:_ OR Categorical Eligibility: □ Food Stamps, Eligibility Determination: □ Approved Free Reason for Denial: □ Income Too High Type of Eligibility Notification Provided (if of Signature of Determining Official: | Total Income:\$ per: Weekly E /TANF Migrant Homeless Runaway | DETERMINATION very 2 Weeks | arly 'awn: |
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| Date Response Due from Households: Date Second Notice Sent (or N/A): | ☐ Household Size and Income | □ Free to Reduced □ Free to Paid □ Reduced to Free □ Did not respond | mps /TANF Date Change Made: |
| | □ Other | □ Reduced to Paid □ Other: | |
| Request for Appeal Date Hearing Requested: | Marifeira Official October | | |
| Hearing Decision: | Verifying Official's Signature: | | Date: |