

DEPARTMENT SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM INSTITUTIONS

Department Outlines Eligibility Requirements for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

BATON ROUGE, La.—The Louisiana Department of Education’s Division of Nutrition Support today announced it is seeking applications from eligible institutions interested in administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), a federally funded program that provides healthy, affordable meals to both children and adults. The program’s 2023 fiscal year begins Oct. 1, 2022, and applications are accepted year-round.

The program is overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service Program. It is federally funded, but administered by individual states. Program participants receive meals and snacks through daycare centers, afterschool programs, emergency shelters and homes, among other locations. CACFP meals will be provided at sites under contract with the state education department, or at homes or daycare centers operating under agreements with sponsoring organizations under contract with the agency.

Eligibility

CACFP eligibility is based on the following income scales effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Reduced Price Meal Eligibility:						
	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
Households with incomes less than or equal to these levels are eligible for reduced price meals.	1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$484
	2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$652
	3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$1,776	\$1,639	\$820
	4	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$2,140	\$1,975	\$988
	5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$2,503	\$2,311	\$1,156
	6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$2,867	\$2,647	\$1,324
	7	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$3,231	\$2,983	\$1,492
	8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$3,595	\$3,318	\$1,659
	Each additional family member add		+ \$8,732	+ \$728	+ \$364	+ \$336

In addition, the following individuals are automatically eligible:

- All child care participants who are in foster care and/or enrolled in Head Start centers;
- All child care participants who are recipients of the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formally Food Stamps), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) assistance units, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*; and
- All adult care participants who are recipients FITAP, SNAP, FDPIR, SSI or Medicaid.*

**This applies to centers and homes receiving federal assistance from the CACFP.*

Additional Information

For training opportunities for potential sponsors, [click here](#).

For more information on these programs, contact the Department’s Division of Nutrition Support at 1-877-453-2721 or (225) 342-3720.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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