

The Overall Benefits of Free and Reduced-Price School Meals

Your child may be eligible.

In these tough economic times, many families are finding their finances tighter than ever. The school meal program may be able to help. The program is confidential, easy, and good for both your budget and **your child's school**.

The benefits are significant.

Families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals can save hundreds of dollars per child compared with buying full-price school meals or making meals at home. Students who qualify for reduced-price meals also receive breakfast for FREE.

There are extra benefits as well; students on this program may also qualify for deep fee reductions rates for athletics and activities from the City of Scottsdale and other after-school programs.

The school district receives federal reimbursement for the meals, and **schools even receive additional federal school program funding based on how many students have applied and qualified for free and reduced meals**—so if you fill out a form and qualify, you are helping **both your family and your school!**

Price Comparison:

	Paid Meal	Reduced Meal	Free Meal
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.50	No Charge	No Charge
MS/HS Breakfast	\$1.75	No Charge	No Charge

	Paid Meal	Reduced Meal	Free Meal
Elementary Lunch	\$2.85	\$0.40	No Charge
MS/HS Lunch	\$3.10	\$0.40	No Charge

This is a confidential program.

The only people who will know your child is receiving benefits are the Nutrition Services staff. Children receiving free or reduced meals are not identified to other students or adults.

How does a family qualify?

If your household income is at or below the federal guidelines or if your family receives food stamps, TANF, or FDPIR, you qualify! You can qualify for the program even if your situation is short-term, such as a temporary layoff.

How does a family apply?

A new application (one per household) must be completed each school year to qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Applications are available online, in your school office, and at the Nutrition Services Office at 701 N. Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

Online application link: <http://www.heartlandapps.com>

If your income or family size changes at any time during the school year, you may apply or reapply at that time. You can even reapply if you were already qualified for reduced-price meals and a change in your family's situation makes you eligible for free meals.

If you have any questions about the program or how to apply, please call SUSD Nutrition Services at 480-484-6234.

Federal income guidelines (pre-tax) for 2017–18

Please review the Income Eligibility Guideline Chart below to see if your family might qualify and then APPLY TODAY!

Your children may qualify at least for reduced-price school meals if your household income falls within the limits of this chart.

2017 – 2018 Federal Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
-1-	22,311	1,860	430
-2-	30,044	2,504	578
-3-	37,777	3,149	727
-4-	45,510	3,793	876
-5-	53,243	4,437	1,024
-6-	60,976	5,082	1,173
-7-	68,709	5,726	1,322
-8-	76,442	6,371	1,471
For each additional family member add	7,733	645	149

This program is open to all—discrimination is prohibited

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The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946