



St. Peter's Catholic School

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Application for Educational Benefits

St. Peter's School provides healthy, delicious meals each day. Lunch costs \$2.95 and includes one carton of milk. We also offer a healthy morning snack and morning milk. We will be charging a yearly fee for snack of \$90.00 which will be added to your tuition statement.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. **Your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts. We encourage you to apply.** Completed forms can be given to Joan at Open House.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions. To apply for free school meals, please complete the Application for Educational Benefits form.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify for free meals. Children may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, please call 507-894-4375.437

A family of learners trying to live like Jesus in our school, homes, and community.