Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Statement*

PART I: Child(ren) or Adult enrolled to receive day care

Name: (Last, First and Middle Initial)	SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number, or Client ID number for children only. All the above, or SSI or Medicaid case number for Adults. **Note**: Do not use EBT numbers. Write case number and proceed to Part III.	**Children in Head Start, foster care and children who meet the definition of migrant, runaway, or homeless are eligible for free meals. Check (✓) all that apply.** (See definitions in FAQs)				
		Head Start	Foster Child	Migrant	Runaway	Homeless
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PART II: Report income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if participant is categorically eligible as documented in Part I.)
Are you unsure what income to include here? Flip the page and review the charts titled "Sources of Income" for more information.

A. Child Income[1] - Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please indicate the TOTAL income received by child household members listed in PART I here.

Child Income/How often?
$_____/_____

B. Other Household Members[1]. **List all household members even if they do not receive income. Also, list the adult participant if he/she did not meet eligibility in Part I.** **For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter "0" or leave any field blank you are certifying (promising) there is no income to report.**

Name of Other Household Members (First and Last)	1. Earnings from work before deductions / How often?	2. Welfare, child support, alimony / How often?	3. Social Security, pensions, retirement / How often?	4. All other income / How often?
1. _____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____
2. _____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____
3. _____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____
4. _____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____
5. _____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____	$ _____/_____

C. Total Household Members (Adults and Children) listed in Part I and Part II _____

Social Security Number. If income is listed or completed in Part II, the adult completing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the "I don't have a Social Security Number" box below. (See Privacy Act Statement on next page). **Failure to complete this section, if income is listed, will result in the denial of free or reduced eligibility.**

Last four Digits of Social Security Number XXX-XX_____ ☐ I do not have a Social Security Number

PART III: Enrollment Information: *Children Only*

My child is normally in attendance at the facility between the hours of _____ [am/pm] to _____ [am/pm]. ☐ (✓) Check here if only before/after school care is provided.

Circle the days your child will normally attend the center: **Sunday** **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

Circle the meals your child will normally receive while in care: **Breakfast** **AM Snack** **Lunch** **PM Snack** **Supper** **Evening Snack**

PART IV: Signature

*I certify that all information on this form is true and that **all** income is reported. I understand that the center or day care home will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that CACFP officials may verify the information. I understand that if I purposefully give false information, the participant receiving meals may lose the meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted. This signature also acknowledges that the child(ren) or adult listed on the form in Part I are enrolled for care.* ***If not completed fully and signed, the participant will be placed in the Paid category.***

Signature: X _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

***This application is a revision of USDA's newly released meal benefit prototype and meets all legal requirements and reflect design best practices identified by USDA through focus testing and other research.**

PART V: Participant's Ethnic and Racial Identities (optional)

Check (✓) one ethnic identity:
☐ Hispanic/ Latino ☐ Not Hispanic/ Latino

Check (✓) one or more racial identities:
☐ Asian ☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Official Use Only Section for Provider: Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 weeks x 26, Twice a month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total income: _____ **Per**: ☐ Week ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Year **Household Size**: _____

Categorical Eligibility: check (✓) if applicable ☐ **Eligibility**: check (✓) one Free ☐ Reduced ☐ Paid ☐

Day Care Homes Only: check (✓) one Tier I ☐ Tier II ☐

When more than one person is performing CACFP duties, there must be at least two signatures on this form: one signature from the Determining Official (the official who determined initial income classification) and one signature from the Confirming Official (the official who verified the form's accuracy).

Determining Official's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

Follow Up Official's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your children qualify for free or reduced price meals, they may also be able to get free or low cost health insurance through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Children with health insurance are more likely to get regular health care and are less likely to become sick.

Because health insurance is so important to children's well-being, the law allows us to tell Medicaid and SCHIP that your children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, *unless you tell us not to.* Medicaid and SCHIP only use the information to identify children who may be eligible for their programs. Program officials may contact you to offer to enroll your children in this health insurance program. Filling out the CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Forms does not automatically enroll your children in health insurance.

If you do not want us to share your information with Medicaid or SCHIP, fill out the form below and send it with your Income Eligibility Form to [address] by [date]. (Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.).

□ No! I DO NOT want information from my CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form shared with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

If you checked no, fill out the form below.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Today's Date: _____

Print Your Name: _____

Address:_____

For more information, you may call _____ at _____
CACFP Meal Benefit Income Eligibility Form Sharing Information with Medicaid/SCHIP.