



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs \$3.50.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

Attn: Marianne Thole

4260 Stagecoach Trail N

Stillwater, MN 55082

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. Or 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 full 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 may be eligible for free school meals. 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 information I give be checked? Yes, and 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 school 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, call 651-395-5900 or email Marianne Thole at mthole@stcroixprep.org.

Sincerely,

Marianne Thole

SCPA Food Service Director

How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2018-19 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Add for each additional person	7,992	666	333	308	154

Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), write in your case number, check which program you participate in, and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3. WIC and Medical Assistance (M.A.) programs do not qualify for this purpose.

Step 3: Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- List all adults living in the household (everyone not listed in Step 1) whether related or not, such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends. Include any adult who is temporarily away from home, like a student away at college. Attach another page if necessary.
- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received: each week, every other week, twice per month, or monthly.
- For farm or self-employment income only, list the net income per year or month after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
- Last four digits of Social Security number – An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.
- Regular incomes to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Step 4: Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step.

Optional: Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.



2018-19 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household. Please use pen (not a pencil).

STEP 1: List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

Definition: A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Children in Foster care are eligible for free meals. Read How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits for more information.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Birthdate	Grade	Foster Child
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

STEP 2: Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance does not qualify.

If **NO** > Go to STEP 3. If **YES** > Enter Case Number then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

STEP 3: Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

A. Child Income
Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Please include the TOTAL income received by all Household Members listed in STEP 1.

Child Income	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself) List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income (before deductions or taxes) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Are you sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income for Children" for more information. "Sources of Income for Children" will help you with the Child Income section. "Sources of Income for Adults" will help you with the ALL Adult household Members section.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work				Net income from Self-Employment	All Other Income such as SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on page two			
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Yearly	Monthly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member XXX-XX-_____ Check if no SSN: Total Household Members (Children and Adults) _____

STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature. Mail Completed Form To: (School/District Information) _____

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

I have checked this box if I do not want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form _____ Signature of adult _____ Today's Date _____

Street Address (if available)

Apt#

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earnings from work Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Payments Survivor's Benefits Income from person outside the household Income from any other source 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money 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	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Assistance from State or local government Supplemental Security Income Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security Disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. **Ethnicity (check one):** Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering

Do not fill out: For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annualized	Household Size	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Determining Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

Selected for Verification – attach Verification Tracker

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form, (AD-3027) online at: <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>, and any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
(202) 690-7442; or
fax: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Waiver of Confidentiality 2018-2019 Required to Extend Your Child(ren)'s Benefits to Non-Food Service Programs at SCPA

*Optional: You do not have to complete this page to qualify for free or reduced school meals.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals, your student(s) may also be eligible for other benefits. In order to extend these additional benefits to your family, SCPA must obtain a release of information waiver from you. This waiver will allow the SCPA staff who manage school meal benefits to provide your eligibility status to the staff who manage the programs to which you wish your family's educational benefits be applied. Complete this form and return to the main office of St. Croix Preparatory Academy, or mail to 4260 Stagecoach Trail N., Stillwater, MN 55082. For questions, please call Marianne Thole at 651-395-5945.

Please check the appropriate box below if you would like to waive confidentiality to receive information for any of the benefits listed below. I understand that this may result in reduced or free fees for eligible athletic and school activities. (A list of applicable activities is available in the current SCPA Family Handbook.)

- SCPA Athletics and Activities Waiver:** YES. SCPA officials may release my child(ren's) free and reduced priced meal eligibility status to the school Activities Director.
- SCPA Fieldtrips and other Optional Classroom Fees:** YES. SCPA officials may release my child(ren's) free and reduced priced meal eligibility status to School Office Managers and Classroom Teacher.
- SCPA Background Check Fees and Technology Fees:** YES. SCPA officials may release my child(ren's) free and reduced priced meal eligibility status to School Office Managers.
- SCPA Used School Uniform Distribution:** YES. SCPA officials may release my child(ren's) free and reduced priced meal eligibility status to School Parent Group Liaison and Uniform Sale Coordinator.

I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that I applied for free and reduced price school meals for my child(ren). I give up my rights to confidentiality for the above marked purpose(s) only. This authorization is in effect for one year. I understand that I may revoke this release in writing at anytime.

I certify that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) for whom application is being made.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Address: _____

Name of student(s): _____

Date signed: _____

Phone number: _____

NOTE: YMCA EXTENDED DAY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE – CONTACT JON SPRY AT jon.spry@ymca.mn.org.

PLEASE SIGN FORM AND RETURN USING THE ENCLOSED PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE

Does your child have health insurance?

If not, help may be available.

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify.

Your child may qualify if your household income is below:

Family size	Monthly income	Yearly income
2	\$3,772	\$45,265
3	\$4,762	\$57,145
4	\$5,752	\$69,025
5	\$6,742	\$80,905

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>. The income limits above are valid until June 30, 2019.

To get a MNsure application for health coverage and help paying costs (DHS-6696):

- Print one from <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/health-care/>
- Call 877-KIDS-NOW toll free
- Call

Attention. If you need free help interpreting this document, ask your worker or call the number below for your language.

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ملاحظة: إذا أردت مساعدة مجانية لترجمة هذه الوثيقة، اطلب ذلك من مشرفك أو اتصل على الرقم 1-800-358-0377.

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請注意，如果您需要免費協助傳譯這份文件，請告訴您的工作人員或撥打1-844-217-3564。

Attention. Si vous avez besoin d'une aide gratuite pour interpréter le présent document, demandez à votre agent chargé du traitement de cas ou appelez le 1-844-217-3548.

Thov ua twb zoo nyeem. Yog hais tias koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus rau tsab ntaub ntauv no pub dawb, ces nug koj tus neeg lis dej num los sis hu rau 1-888-486-8377.

ဟ်သုဉ်ဟ်သးဘဉ်တက့ၢ်. ဝဲနမ့ၢ်လိဉ်ဘဉ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤကလိလၢတၢ်ကကျိးထံဝဲဒၣ်လံာ် တီလံာ်မိတခါအံၤန့ၣ်,သံကွၢ်ဘဉ်ပုၤဂ့ၢ်ဝိအပုၤမၤစၢၤတၢ်လၢနဂီၢ်မ့တ မ့ၢ်ကိးဘဉ် 1-844-217-3549 တက့ၢ်.

알려드립니다. 이 문서에 대한 이해를 돕기 위해 무료로 제공되는 도움을 받으시려면 담당자에게 문의하시거나 1-844-217-3565으로 연락하십시오.

ໄປຮອດຊາບ. ຖ້າທ່ານ ທ່ານຕ້ອງການການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອໃນການແປເອກະສານນີ້ພຣີ, ຈົ່ງຕາມພະນັກງານກຳກັບການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອຂອງທ່ານ ຫຼື ໂທໂທ 1-888-487-8251.

Hubachiisa. Dokumentiin kun tola akka siif hiikamu gargaarsa hoo feete, hojjettoota kee gaafadhu ykn afaan ati dubbattuuf bilbili 1-888-234-3798.

Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в устном переводе данного документа, обратитесь к своему социальному работнику или позвоните по телефону 1-888-562-5877.

Digniin. Haddii aad u baahantahay caawimaad lacag-la' aan ah ee tarjumaadda qoraalkan, hawlwadeenkaaga weydiiso ama wac lambarka 1-888-547-8829.

Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para interpretar este documento, comuníquese con su trabajador o llame al 1-888-428-3438.

Chú ý. Nếu quý vị cần được giúp đỡ dịch tài liệu này miễn phí, xin gọi nhân viên xã hội của quý vị hoặc gọi số 1-888-554-8759.

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