### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE SPECIAL MILK

### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy milk to learn. Holy Spirit Catholic School offers healthy milk every school day. Your children may qualify for free special milk. This packet includes an application for free special milk benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

### 1. WHO CAN GET FREE SPECIAL MILK?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP, the Food Distribution Program
  on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Alabama TANF, or Alabama Medicaid Free are eligible for free
  milk.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free milk.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free milk.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free milk.
- Children may receive free special milk if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free special milk if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
[Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026]

	Federal poverty		Reduced	Price Meals	s—185%			Free	e meals—13	0%	
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	21,150	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
	26,650	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	66
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- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free milk, please call or e-mail Holy Spirit Catholic School.
- 3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free Special Milk Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE SPECIAL MILKS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com immediately.

### 5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE?

\_\_\_\_\_Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit www.holyspirit-al.com to begin or to learn more about the online application process.

Contact Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com if

you have any questions about the online application. You have the option to complete a paper application if you do not wish to apply online. Contact Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com to request a paper application.

\_\_\_\_No, an online application is not available at this time.

- 6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through May 22, 2026. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free milk, your child will be charged the full price for milk.
- 7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MILK? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free special milk. Please send in an application.
- 8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- 9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free special milk if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school
  officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E,
  Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com
- 11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free special milk.
- 12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 14. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 16. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Jackie Mitchell, 711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com to receive a second application.
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for **Alabama SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call (800) 382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call 205-553-9630

Sincerely,

### Jackie Mitchell

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### mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

### fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email:

### PROGRAM.INTAKE@USDA.GOV

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### INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE MILK

This is the income scale used by	Holy Spirit Catholic School	to determine eligibility for free
milk.		

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES [Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026]

	Federal poverty		Reduced	Price Meal	s—185%		-	Free	e meals—13	0%	
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All children in the same family attending programs under the jurisdiction of the same sponsor are to receive the same benefits.

### **DEFINITION OF INCOME**

"Income" means money earned before deductions for income taxes, employees' social security taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, etc. It includes the following:

- Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commission of fees
- 2. Net income from self-employed farmers and self-employed businessmen
- 3. Social security
- 4. Dividends or interest on savings or bonds
- 5. Income from estates or trusts
- 6. Net rental income
- 7. Unemployment compensations
- 8. Public assistance or welfare payments
- 9. Government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions
- 10. Veterans' payments
- 11. Private pensions or annuities
- 12. Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
- 13. Alimony or child support payments
- 14. Net royalties
- 15. Other cash income

### **DEFINITION OF HOUSEHOLD**

"Household" means a group of related or nonrelated individuals who are not residents of an institution or a boarding house, but who are living as one economic group. Students who are temporarily away at school should be counted as members of the family. However, children who are full-time residents of an institution are considered a family of one.

### WE MUST CHECK YOUR APPLICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian:	
You must send the information we need, free milk.	or contact [name] by [date], or your child(ren) will stop getting
School:	Date:
Dear	

We are checking your Free Special Milk Application. Federal rules require that we do this to make sure only eligible children get free milk. You must send us information to prove that [name(s) of child(ren)] [is/are] eligible.

If possible, send copies, not original papers. If you do send originals, they will be sent back to you only if you ask.

- 1. IF YOU WERE RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM **Alabama SNAP**, **Alabama TANF or FDPIR** WHEN YOU APPLIED FOR FREE SPECIAL MILK, OR AT ANY TIME SINCE THEN, SEND US A COPY OF ONE OF THESE:
  - Alabama SNAP, Alabama TANF or FDPIR Certification Notice that shows dates of certification.
  - Letter from Alabama SNAP, Alabama TANF or FDPIR office that shows dates of certification.
  - Do not send your EBT card.
- 2. IF YOU GET THIS LETTER FOR A HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT Holy Spirit Catholic School FOR HELP.
- 3. IF THE CHILD IS A FOSTER CHILD:

Provide written documentation that verifies the child is the legal responsibility of the agency or court or provide the name and contact information for a person at the agency or court who can verify that the child is a foster child.

4. IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES Alabama SNAP, Alabama TANF or FDPIR benefits:

Send this page along with papers that show the amount of money your household gets from each source of income. The papers you send must show the name of the person who received the income, the date it was received, how much was received, and how often it was received. Send information to:711 James I Harrison Jr. Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

### Acceptable papers include:

*JOBS:* Paycheck stub or pay envelope that shows the amount and how often pay is received; letter from employer stating gross wages and how often you are paid; or, if you work for yourself, business or farming papers, such as ledger or tax books.

SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, OR RETIREMENT: Social Security retirement benefit letter, statement of benefits received, or pension award notice.

UNEMPLOYMENT, DISABILITY, OR WORKER'S COMP: Notice of eligibility from State employment security office, check stub, or letter from the Worker's Compensation's office.

WELFARE PAYMENTS: Benefit letter from the Alabama SNAP office.

CHILD SUPPORT OR ALIMONY: Court decree, agreement, or copies of checks received.

OTHER INCOME (SUCH AS RENTAL INCOME): Information that shows the amount of income received, how often it is received, and the date received.

NO INCOME: A brief note explaining how you provide food, clothing, and housing for your household, and when you expect an income.

MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE: Letter or rental contract showing that your housing is part of the Military Privatized Housing Initiative.

TIMEFRAME OF ACCEPTABLE INCOME DOCUMENTATION: Please submit proof of one month's income; you could use the month prior to application, the month you applied, or any month after that.

If you have questions or need help, please call the Alabama Food Assistant Information Line at (800) 382-0499. You may also e-mail us at jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com.

Sincerely,

### Jackie Mitchell

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information requested in order to verify your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not provide the information or provide incomplete information, your children may no longer receive free or reduced price meals. Pursuant to Section of 7 of the Privacy Act, disclosure of your Social Security number is not required. We do not need and are not requesting any Social Security numbers that may appear on documents you submit.

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- 9. email: Program.Intake@usda.gov

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### ATTACHMENT D2

### WE HAVE CHECKED YOUR APPLICATION

School:	Date	
Dear	;	
We checked the information you sen	tus to prove that [name(s) of child(ren)]	are eligible for free special milk and

We checked the information you sent us to prove that [name(s) of child(ren)] are eligible for free special milk and have decided that:

_	Your child(ren)'s eligibility has not changed.
コ	Starting [date], your child(ren) is/are no longer eligible for free special milk for the following reason(s):
	Records show that no one in your household received Alabama SNAP or Alabama TANF benefits. Records show that the child(ren) is/are not homeless, runaway, or migrant. Your income is over the limit for free milk. You did not provide: You did not respond to our request.

If your household income goes down or your household size goes up, you may apply again. If you were previously denied benefits because no one in the household received **Alabama SNAP**, **Alabama TANF** or **FDPIR** benefits, you may reapply based on income eligibility. If you did not provide proof of current eligibility, you will be asked to do so if you reapply.

If you disagree with this decision, you may discuss it with Jackie Mitchell at 205-553-9630. You also have the right to a fair hearing. If you request a hearing by [date], your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk until the decision of the hearing official is made. You may request a hearing by calling or writing to: Jackie Mithcell, 711 James I Harrison Jr Parkway E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, 205-553-9630, or jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com.

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## HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SPECIAL MILK

Special Milk. Please follow these instructions in order. Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure children attend more than one school in Tuscaloosa County and City Schools. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free Special Milk. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your what to do next, please contact Holy Spirit Catholic School, jmitchell@holyspirit-al.com, (205) 553 - 9630.

## PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

# STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
  - Students attending Holy Spirit Catholic School, regardless of age.

name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter there are more children present than lines on A) List each child's name. Print each child's in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If paper with all required information for the the application, attach a second piece of additional children.

"Student" to tell us which children Spirit Catholic School? Mark 'Yes' School. If you marked 'Yes,' write the grade level of the student in B) Is the child a student at Holy or 'No' under the column titled the 'Grade' column to the right. attend Holy Spirit Catholic

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are ONLY go to STEP 4.

members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3. Foster children who live with you may count as

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, child's name and complete all steps of or runaway? If you believe any child Migrant, Runaway" box next to the description, mark the "Homeless, listed in this section meets this the application.

## STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free Special Milk:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Alabama SNAP.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Alabama TANF.
  - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the

above listed programs:

Leave STEP 2 blank and go to STEP 3.

- B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:
- participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: (800) 382-0499. Write a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you
  - Go to STEP

### 2025-2026 SY Household Application for Special Milk

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

APPLY ONLINE: / imitchell@holyspirit-al.com

RETURN TO Holy Spirit Catholic School/Diocese of Birmingham ADDRESS: 711 James I Harris Jr. parkway East, Tuscaloosa Al 35405

STEP 1 List ALL children, Infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.	o and including grade 12. Attach	another sheet of paper if you need	space for more na	ımes.					
List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.	s, children attending other schools	children not in school, and children r	not applying for ber	effts. This includ	les childre	n not related to	you in yo	our hous	ehold.
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○ NO → Go to STEP 3. ○ YES → Write case number	→ Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4.	CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):	BER):	The second secon	The state of the s		Write onl	ly one case	Write only one case number in this space.
STEP 3 List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxe	r each member (before taxes an	s and deductions)							
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B. Child income Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in ST		Child Income	Weekly 2 Weeks 2 2 Month	Monthly Annual					
STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature.	RETURN COMPLETED FORM 1	RM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: Insert so	Insert school address here	,					
"( 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 (confirm) 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."	true and that all income is reporte false information, my children ma	3. I understand that this information i y lose meal benefits, and I may be pro	s given in connectionsections	on with the rece licable State and	lpt of Fede	eral funds, and t aws,"	hat schoo	ol official	s may verify
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### 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 A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages **Examples of Income for Children** A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits Social Security/Disability (including railroad Private Pensions or disability benefits retirement and black lung benefits) Income from trusts or estates Regular cash payments from All other sources of income Pensions/Retirement/ Investment income outside household **Earned interest** Rental Income Annuities Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local Sources of Income Public Assistance/Alimony/ Child support payments Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Alimony payments Veterans benefits Strike benefits government Child Support Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing Allowances for off-base housing, food, Net income from self-employment If you are in the U.S. Military: **Earnings from Work** (farm or business) and clothing allowances)

For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME

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.

Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

OPTIONAL

Not Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race)

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

American Indian or Alaska Native Return this completed form to your child's school. \*Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

### DO NOT FILL OUT

For school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly × 52, Every 2 Weeks × 26, Twice a Month × 24, Monthly × 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed. How often?

Denied

Reduced

Free

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Categorical Eligibility

Household size Annual Weekly 2Weeks 2xMonth Monthly C Total Income

Date Determining Official's Signature

**Use of Information Statement** 

and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information

number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Social Security Number.' Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

### The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

Date

Verifying Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 \*MAIL:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or program.intake@usda.gov FAX: EMAIL:

Do not mail applications only complaints of to this address, discrimination. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Return completed form to your child's school.