

More than a Meal

Completing a meal application has benefits beyond food - check it out!

School Funding

Increased funding to school sites to ensure students receive the support they need



Bus Passes

Discounts on passes for bus/light rail service

Internet Access

Discounts on home internet costs



School Meals

Discounts on healthy & tasty school meals

College App Fees

Discounts on fees associated with applying to college



SAT, ACT, AP Fees

Discounts on fees for college prep tests

Submitting an application can help your school even if you don't use the meal program.

Option 1: Complete an Application

Visit <http://www.sanjuan.edu/mealapp> to submit an application online. You only need to complete one application for your entire household. Visit your school office or cafeteria for a paper copy of the application.

Completing an application helps ensure your school gets the funding it deserves even if you do not qualify for the program.

Option 2: Opt-out No thanks.

I read and understand the potential benefits and choose to opt-out at this time.

Student ID #	Date of Birth	First Name	Last Name	Grade	School

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the free/reduced-priced meal program affect school funding?

Every student who is under a certain income, learning English, or in foster care generates 20% more funding. In districts where at least 55% of students fall into these categories, they receive even more funding. In San Juan Unified, additional dollars are given to each school to increase or improve services for these students. Completing the meal application ensures your school receives all available funds.

Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No, you can fill out one form for multiple children in the same household.

Who will know that our family submitted an application?

Our system is confidential. Even if your child qualifies and chooses to eat lunch in the cafeteria, the breakfast and lunch process is the same as a student who is paying full price.

Do I still need to fill out a form if I qualify for other benefits?

No. If you are currently receiving food stamps, CalWORKS, KinGAP or FDPIR benefits and your information has not changed, your child automatically qualifies.

How can qualifying for free/reduced-priced meals help with SAT or college application fees?

Any 11th and 12th grade student that qualifies for the free/reduced-priced meal program is eligible for SAT fee waivers. Students who take the SAT using a test fee waiver can choose four colleges from over 2,000 participating colleges and apply for free.

Can I fill the application out online?

Yes, visit www.sanjuan.edu/mealapp and click on the link for the online application.

Do I have to list a social security number?

You must print the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) OR check the box next to NO SSN if you do not have one.

If my child qualifies for free/reduced-priced meals, how does that help with bus pass costs?

Income-eligible students between the ages of 5 – 18 pursuing a high school diploma qualify for discounted RT Monthly Stickers. The parent/guardian can fill out a Discount RT Eligibility Form available at www.sanjuan.edu/rtoutlet or at San Juan Central, 3700 Garfield Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608.

How is internet access connected to the free/reduced-priced meal program?

Both Comcast and AT&T offer reduced rate home internet services for families that qualify for the meal program. For more information, visit www.internetessentials.com or www.att.com/accessapply.

Why are some schools excluded from the requirement to complete a meal application or opt-out?

Based on the makeup of their students, some schools automatically qualify to provide free and reduced price meals for all students without applications being filed. Families at these schools are asked to complete a school funding form if their student does not automatically qualify for the meal program.



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