

School Year 2026-2027 Santa Cruz City Schools Survey to Preserve School Funding & Family Benefit Application Complete one application per household.

Read the instructions included with Application on how to apply. Please print and use a pen. You may also apply online at Surfcitycafes.com. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
California Education Code Section 49557(a): “Applications for free and reduced-price meals may be submitted at any time during a school day. Children participating in the federal National School Lunch Program will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special tickets, special serving lines, separate entrances, separate dining areas, or by any other means.”

STEP 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION

Children in **Foster Care** and children who meet the definition of **Homeless**, **Migrant**, or **Runaway** are eligible for free meals. Attach another sheet of paper for additional names.

Enter the name of EACH STUDENT who will attend school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Enter school name and grade level		Enter student’s birth date	Check the applicable box if the student is foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway.			
EXAMPLE: Joseph P Adams	Lincoln Elementary	1st	12-15-2010	Foster Child	Homeless	Migrant	Runaway
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STEP 2 – ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR

Do ANY household members (including yourself) currently participate in one of the following assistance programs?

If YES, do not complete STEP 3. Check the applicable program box, enter one case number, and then go to STEP 4.	Select Program Type: ☐ CalFresh ☐ CalWORKs ☐ FDPIR	Enter Case Number:
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If NO, skip STEP 2 and complete STEP 3.

STEP 3 – REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (Skip this step if you answered ‘Yes’ to STEP 2)

A. STUDENT INCOME: Sometimes students in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all students listed in STEP 1 here. Report total income in whole dollars earned before taxes and deductions. Enter the appropriate pay period: W = Weekly, 2W = Bi-Weekly, 2M = Twice a Month, M = Monthly, Y = Yearly			Total Student Income		How Often	
			\$			
B. ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (including yourself): List ALL household members not listed in STEP 1 even if they do not receive income. For each household member, report the TOTAL income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write “0”. If you enter “0” or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Report all income earned before taxes and deductions. Enter the appropriate pay period in the “How Often” column: W = Weekly, 2W = Bi-Weekly, 2M = Twice a Month, M = Monthly, Y = Yearly						
Enter the name of ALL OTHER Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How Often	Public Assistance/SSI/Child Support/Alimony	How Often	Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income	How Often
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	
Total Household Members (Children and Adults)		Enter the last four digits of Social Security number (SSN) from the Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member		Check the box if NO SSN ☐		

STEP 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION & ADULT SIGNATURE

Certification: “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.”

Signature of adult completing this form:		
Print Name:		
Today’s Date:	Phone Number:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		

DO NOT COMPLETE. SCHOOL USE ONLY			
Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x52, Bi-Weekly x26, Twice a Month x24, Monthly x12 How Often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Twice a Month ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly		Total Household Income	
Total Household Size	Eligibility Status: ☐ Free ☐ Reduced-price ☐ Paid (Denied)		☐ Categorical
	Verified as: ☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway		☐ Error Prone
Determining Official’s Signature:			Date:
Confirming Official’s Signature:			Date:
Verifying Official’s Signature:			Date:

OPTIONAL – CHILDREN’S ETHNIC AND RACIAL 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	