

Every Child’s Hope participates in the National School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs through the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with Missouri’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These programs reimburse Every Child’s Hope for a portion of meals served to children considered eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals. The terms for a child to be considered eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals are below:

1. All children in households receiving benefits from **the Food Stamp Program/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**, are eligible for free meals.
2. **Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.**
3. **Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.**
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. **HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR 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, they may qualify for free meals at participating agencies.
4. Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household’s income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

Household Size	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$536
2	37,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	1,876
For each add’l person add	+9,953	+830	+192

If you believe your child(ren) are eligible for free & reduced priced meals, please contact Every Child’s Hope at 314-427-3755 to be connected to the Food & Nutrition Program liaison.

Every Child’s Hope conducts its Food & Nutrition Program in accordance with Every Child’s Hope’s Wellness Policy. Please click the link below to download the Wellness Policy.

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