



## 2017-2018 Waiver of School Fees Application

Applying and qualifying for free/reduced meals based on completion of the National School Lunch Program application **does not** automatically qualify a student for free/reduced fees.

**You automatically qualify for a waiver of school fees and do not need to complete this form if you:**

- Received a letter from District 100 informing you are eligible pursuant to 105ILCS 125/1. The school district receives notification from the Illinois State Board of Education via their electronic direct certification system in July and mails out letters by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

If you do not automatically qualify you may apply for a waiver if:

1. **Your income qualifies.** Belvidere School District will waive school fees if a parent or guardian meets the current school year income guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. See attached income guidelines. Incomes above the amounts shown will not qualify for a fee waiver.
2. **You have special circumstances.** The Business Services Office may grant fee waiver when one or more of the following factors resulted in the loss or reduction of family income (a) illness in the family; (b) unusual expenses caused by fire, flood, storm, etc.; (c) seasonal employment; (d) emergency situation; or one or more parent/guardian is involved in work stoppage.

### **The following information must be included with all applications:**

- A copy of the 2016 IRS Federal 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ Form. If household members file separate tax returns, **copies of both returns must be submitted.**
- Names of all household members, including the student(s) and the school(s) they attend.
- Signature of adult household member.
- If your current income is different than that reflected on IRS Federal 1040, please include current income information for each household member listing source of income such as wages, child support, pension, unemployment payments, worker's compensation, etc., and the frequency in which received.

**A new Fee Waiver Application must be submitted at the beginning of each school year.**

**After your application has been processed a copy will be mailed to you. Only complete applications will be considered**

**Please complete the information and return the application and supporting documents to the following address no later than August 31, 2017:**

Belvidere Community Unit School District #100  
Attn: Business Services Office  
1201 Fifth Avenue  
Belvidere, Illinois 61008

**2017-2018 FEE WAIVER APPLICATION**

Name of all children in household	Name of school, if child is a student in District #100
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Please list all adult members in the household	3.
1.	4.
2.	5.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or the legal guardian of the student(s) listed above, hereby request that Belvidere Community Unit School District #100 waive school fees

I am unable to afford the fees due to the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**The following proof of income is required for all adult household members**

- A copy of your 2016 IRS 1040 Form, 1040A or Form 1040EZ. If you did not file a tax return for 2016 please attach all W-2's, a letter from your employer on company letterhead stating earnings, last month's paycheck stubs, or other proof of income for all adults living in the household. **If household members file separate tax returns, copies of both returns must be submitted.**
- If your current income is different than that reflected on the 1040, please include income information for each household member listing sources of all income such as wages, child support, pension, worker's compensation, unemployment and frequency in which the income is received.

**If the required income information is not included for all adults, the request will not be considered**

**Certification:**

*I certify that all information contained on this application is true and correct and that all household income has been reported. I understand that school officials may verify all of the information contained on this application and all information submitted with this application. I have reviewed the District's policy regarding Waiver of Student Fees and am aware that supplying false information to obtain a fee waiver is a Class 4 felony pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/17-6.*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian                                                                  Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone number

**A copy of this form will be mailed to you after your application has been processed.  
Please make sure all information is included; only complete applications will be reviewed.**

**Please Print your name and address legibly as it will be used as your mailing label on your correspondence**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

Your application has been processed and your request to have fees waived is:

- Approved:            100%            50%
- Denied:                Income exceeds eligibility
- Incomplete - need the following information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Processed \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

## FISCAL YEAR 2018 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018:

<b>Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018</b>											
	<b>Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline</b>						<b>Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline</b>				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	15,678	1,307	654	603	302	1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	5	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member, add	5,434	453	227	209	105	For each additional family member, add	7,733	645	323	298	149

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.