



Whitehall District Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

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Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to your student's school. The **Education Benefits Form** collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, Whitehall District Schools could lose important funding for education programs that our students need.** These supplemental grants and programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional staff (ex. Reading Interventionists, Math Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is Whitehall District Schools requesting financial information?

The Education Benefits Form determines eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school office

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you provide on your Education Benefits Form, your child may qualify for other programs such as: Programs that provide food support

- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet

You must complete the **Sharing Information with Other Programs form**, [Attached], to grant permission for your eligibility information to be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Habetler at 231-893-1092 or Dara Miller 231-893-1085

Sincerely,

Jon D. Habetler
Food Service Director

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food assistance program (FAP), family independence program (FIP), or FDPIR please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received: If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Size of Family - Enter the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Total Monthly Household Income - Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and Date.

If your household does not receive benefits from the Food assistance program (FAP), family independence program (FIP), or FDPIR please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received: Skip this part.

Part C: Size of Family - Enter the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Total Monthly Household Income - Enter monthly income for all household members for each type of income that applies. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc. If you have no income for a category, circle NONE. Add lines though 1 through 6 and enter the Total Monthly Household Income.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

Sharing Information with Other Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Based on the information you gave on your Education Benefits Form, your child may qualify for other programs. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced-price meals.

Yes! **I DO** want school officials to share information from my Education Benefits Form with:

- Pay to Participate (Athletics and Clubs).
- Programs that provide food support (weekend backpacks, holiday meals, etc.).
- Programs that provide field trip support (reduced rates or scholarships for field trips).
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees (filled backpacks and supplies from the requested supply list, testing fees).
- Programs that provide holiday support (meals, holiday gifts, opportunity for children to shop for gifts at no cost).

If you check "Yes" to any or all of the boxes above, please fill out form below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

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Printed Name: _____ Address: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

For more information, you may call *Jon Habetler Food Service Director* at 231-893-1092.

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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Return this form with you Education Benefits Form