

Utica Community Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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, UCs 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 UCS 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.

How will this information be protected? In keeping with current practices, all forms will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone unless the "Shared Information with Other Programs" page is signed and submitted.

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:

- Pay to play or Pay to Participate sports
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Free/low-cost college application fees
- Free/low-cost AP testing fees
- Potential household support for cable and internet

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

If you have any questions, please contact Food & Nutrition Services at 586-797-1180.

Sincerely,

Mandy Sosnowski
Food & Nutrition Services Director
Utica Community Schools

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: Household Size - Check the box for 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: Annual 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: Household Size – Check the box for 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: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

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

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2024 - 2025

District: _____ School: _____

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Part C: HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before taxes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$19,578	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$19,579 and \$27,861	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$27,862
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$26,572	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$26,573 and \$37,814	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$37,815
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$33,566	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$33,567 and \$47,767	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$47,768
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$40,560	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$40,561 and \$57,720	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$57,721
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$47,554	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$47,555 and \$67,673	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$67,674
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$54,548	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$54,549 and \$77,626	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$77,627
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$61,542	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$61,543 and \$87,579	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$87,580
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 →	<input type="checkbox"/> At or below \$68,536	<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$68,537 and \$97,532	<input type="checkbox"/> At or above \$97,533

*** Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:**
 Household size (# people): _____ Total annual income: _____

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

 (Signature) (Printed Name) (Date)

 (Address) (City) (Zip)

 (Email Address) (Home Phone) (Work Phone)

Do NOT fill out this section. This is for school use only.
 Status: F _____ R _____ N _____ Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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, if applicable).

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 low/no cost college application/AP testing fees
- Programs that provide low/no cost internet &/or cable

If you check "Yes" to any or all the boxes above, please fill out the 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 Food & Nutrition Services at 586-797-1180.

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>

Return this form to: Food & Nutrition Services, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312