

Documentation of Free Meal Eligibility for Homeless Persons

- PURPOSE:** To simplify access to free meals under the child nutrition programs for homeless children and adults.
- SCOPE:** For all Child Nutrition Programs
- DESCRIPTION:** When a free or reduced-price meal application is not submitted by the household of a homeless participant or it is not anticipated that an application will be submitted, it is acceptable: (1) for the director of a homeless shelter at which the participant resides to complete and submit an application for the participant; or (2) for local level officials to complete and application for the participant and approve the participant for free meals based solely on their knowledge that the participant has no known address and is indeed homeless.
- This policy is extended to homeless adults enrolled in adult day care as well as to children in any child nutrition program.
- SOURCE:** FNS Memo, dated August 11, 1992, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.