

Its **more** than free meals.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS CAN PROVIDE...



If your student attends

Torrance Elementary or Shery High,

please **ONLY** complete the Educational Benefit Form instead of the meal application due to being a

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Site:



If your student attends any other school..

SCAN ME TO FILL OUT A MEAL APPLICATION!



If you need assistance with your Titan account, please feel free to contact the Nutrition Services Department at 310.972.6350 or Titan at 916.467.4700

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

SY 22-23 Letter to Households for Free and Reduced-Price Meals (California Universal Meals)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Torrance Unified School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. At Torrance Unified School District, all students will receive nutritious meals free of charge every school day. The meal programs we participate in are supported by federal and state reimbursements that are based on household income and eligibility. Although meals are free of charge, families are encouraged to submit a meal application. The information collected on the meal application ensures our schools receive adequate funding and can offer your family additional benefits such as discounted fees. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free meals.

QUALIFICATION: Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, below, effective 7/1/22-6/30/23.

**Reduced-price Eligibility Scale
Meals and Snacks**

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS: An application for free or reduced-price meals cannot be reviewed unless all required fields are completed. A household may apply at any time during the school year.

If you are not eligible now, but your household income decreases, household size increases, or a household member becomes eligible for CalFresh, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, you may submit an application at that time.

DIRECT CERTIFICATION: An application is not required if the household receives a notification letter indicating all

children are automatically certified for free meals. If you did not receive a letter, please complete an application.

VERIFICATION: School officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. You may be asked to submit information to validate your income or current eligibility for CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDPIR benefits.

WIC PARTICIPANTS: Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by completing an application.

HOMELESS, MIGRANT, RUNAWAY & HEAD START: Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant, or runaway, and children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Please contact school officials for assistance at 310-972-6146.

FOSTER CHILD: The legal responsibility must be through a foster care agency or court to qualify for free meals. A foster child may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to apply for their non-foster children on the same application and must report any personal income earned by the foster child. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meals.

FAIR HEARING: If you do not agree with the school's decision regarding your application's determination or the result of verification, you may discuss it with the hearing official. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the following: Kathleen Cole, 2335 Plaza del Amo, 310-972-6350.

ELIGIBILITY CARRYOVER: Your child's eligibility status from the previous school year (if applicable) will continue into the new school year for up to 30 operating days or until a new determination is made. When the carryover period ends, your child will be charged the full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials are not required to send reminder or expired eligibility notices.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) E-mail: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provide

How to Apply: Please visit family.titank12.com and select Apply For Meals Today. You do not need a Titan account to complete a meal application. Please complete one application per household.

QUESTIONS/NEED ASSISTANCE: Please contact the Nutrition Services Department at 310-972-6350. If your student attends Torrance Elementary or Shery High, please complete the Educational Benefit Form instead of the meal application due to being a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Site: <https://family.titank12.com/income-form/new?identifier=Q5ZWXH>