

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child may be eligible to receive information from colleges and universities including scholarship information and free college application fee-waivers. They may also be eligible for exam fee reductions and additional college application fee-waivers are provided for students if they:

- are eligible and/or receive Free and Reduced Priced Meal (FARMs) benefits under the National School Lunch Program,
- are part of a family with an annual income that falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service,
- are enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound),
- are part of a family that receives public assistance, (e.g., food supplements, temporary cash assistance, and/or social security income).
- live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home, or are homeless, and/or
- are a ward of the state or an orphan.

_____ *Please initial here if your child is eligible for exam fee reductions and additional college application fee-waivers based on one or more of the criteria listed above.*

This letter is requesting your consent to release your child's FARMs benefits status to your child's School Counselor, AP Coordinator, the College Board, the Common Application, and directly to colleges, universities and other educational institutions in order to ensure your child receives exam fee reductions and additional college application fee-waivers if applicable.

By signing below, I agree to allow the Office of Food and Nutrition Services to release the free and reduced price meal eligibility to my student's School Counselor, AP Coordinator, the College Board, the Common Application, and directly to colleges, universities and other educational institutions in order to ensure he/she receives exam fee reductions and additional college application fee-waivers if applicable. I understand that the FARMs eligibility will only be used for the purpose listed above and not disclosed to any other party or agency without my consent. I understand that my refusal to sign this form will not prevent my child from participating in the testing listed above, and it will not affect my child's FARMs benefits.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student's Name (please print)

School

Student's ID Number

Date

*****Please return this signed form to your student's School Counselor on or before Wednesday, February 6, 2019*****