

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child may be eligible to receive exam fee reductions, additional college application fee waivers and other benefits if they:

- are eligible and/or receive Free and Reduced Priced Meal (FARMs) benefits under the National School Lunch Program,
- are a part of a family with a total income at or below 185% of the poverty level issued annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

The following table lists annual family income, by family size, at 185% of the poverty level. If the student's annual family income falls within the amount listed in the relevant row and column, that student qualifies for an AP Exam fee reduction.

Size of Family Unit	Annual Family Income* for 48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam, and Territories	Annual Family Income* for Alaska	Annual Family Income* for Hawaii
1	\$23,606	\$29,508	\$27,158
2	\$31,894	\$39,868	\$36,686
3	\$40,182	\$50,228	\$46,213
4	\$48,470	\$60,588	\$55,741
5	\$56,758	\$70,948	\$65,268
6	\$65,046	\$81,308	\$74,796
7	\$73,334	\$91,668	\$84,323
8	\$81,622	\$102,028	\$93,851
For each additional family member, add:	\$8,288	\$10,360	\$9,528

*The figures shown under annual family income represent amounts equal to 185% of the 2020 Federal income poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These levels were published by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service in the Federal Register, Vol. 85, No. 55, 3/20/20, pp. 16050-53. These Income Eligibility Guidelines are effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

- are directly certified without application for free school meals because they are:
 - in foster care or Head Start, or
 - homeless or migrant, or
 - living in households that receive SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF cash assistance, or the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations benefits
- the student is enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound & AVID).
- the student's family receives public assistance.
- the student lives in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home or is homeless.
- the student is a ward of the state or an orphan.

By signing below, I confirm that my child is eligible to receive exam fee reductions and additional college application fee waivers based on at least one of the criteria above. I give BCPS permission to share information from my Household Meal Benefit Application with my child's (ren's) school counselor, test coordinator(s), the College Board, and directly to colleges, universities and other educational institutions during the application process.

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 _____

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