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Date application received:	
Applicant has supplied sufficient evidence to demonstrate hardship:      Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence checked by:

# Free Meals Application 2023-24

## This form is for learners with the following eligibility criteria:

- Are enrolled on a funded further education programme, have a right to study and:
- Are aged 19+ with an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan, or
- Either the learner (in their own right) or their parents/carers must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
  - Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
  - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC)
  - Working Tax Credit run-on: paid for 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  - Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**Please note:** learners, parents/carers in receipt of working tax credit only are not entitled to a free meal.

For the 2023 to 2024 academic year, the rate set is £2.41 per learner per meal taken. Where a learner qualifies for free meals, this will apply for each day they attend their college provision, including any days they attend a work placement.

## Section 1: Learner Details

First names:					Family name:		
Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Mx	Age on 31/08/23	DOB: DD / MM / YYYY	
Address:							
County:					Postcode:		
Nationality:					Primary phone number:		
Mobile number:					Email:		

## Section 2: Evidence

Please tick all relevant boxes below and provide the most recent evidence you have to support this.

Income Support	
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Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	
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## Section 3: Declaration

Students must sign the form. Any form without signatures will be returned and your application will be delayed.

### Agreement to the conditions of the award and payments

A copy of the conditions can be found in the Free meal's policy on our website.

Any award made will be for the **2023-24 academic year only**. Support in future years may change.

It is the learners responsibility to inform the college about any of the following:

- change of circumstances which might affect their eligibility for free meal support
- change of address
- any exceptional circumstances that cause them to be absent from college

You will also be confirming the information you have provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief. Any awards made as a result of giving false or incorrect information may result in the stoppage of future support. It may also result in a referral to the police, with the possibility of the learner and/or their family facing prosecution.

By signing this form, you will be agreeing to the terms and conditions detailed above and be giving explicit consent to LifeBridge ASEND to collect 'personal data' and 'sensitive personal data' on you and your household to assess and record your application for financial support. You will also be giving your explicit consent to LifeBridge ASEND to disclose your 'personal data' and your 'sensitive personal data' to other agencies that require it for the sole purpose of assessing, recording or providing support.

LifeBridge ASEND will store your 'personal data' and 'sensitive personal data' securely

Learner's name and signature:	Date:
Parent/carer name and signature:	Date: