

Free & Reduced Lunch Benefit Certification

2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Hope College ID Number: _____

We are reviewing your 2026-27 financial aid application and need more information about benefits your family may have received.

The federal government guidance for FAFSA filers clarifies that filers should only indicate that they received free or reduced-price school lunch on the FAFSA form if they meet the **income eligibility guidelines** published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We understand the confusion with this question, as several states across the country provide free lunch for all students attending public school, regardless of income.

Please answer the following:

At any time during 2024 or 2025, did the student or anyone in their family qualify to receive free or reduced-price school lunch based on the **income eligibility guidelines**:

☐ YES

☐ NO

Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

(signature must be in ink)

Parent Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

(signature must be in ink)