

APPLICAION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Sonshine Christian Academy** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$ 1.50; lunch costs \$ 3.00. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are the most common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **September 1, 2017**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
- 2. WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO SUBMIT PROOF OF INCOME WITH MY APPLICATION? PROOF OF INCOME IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR FAMILIES APPLICATION. WITHOUT PROOF OF INCOME YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AND YOU WILL BE CHARGED FULL PRICE FOR ALL MEALS UNTIL PROOF IS SUBMITTED.**
- 3. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **ODE Office for Child Nutrition 25 S. Front St., Mail Stop 303 Columbus, OH 43215 (800) 808-6325.**

If you have other questions or need help, call **SCA Office @ 614-291-6840**
Sincerely,

SCA Administrative Staff

