


# Welcome Fund Membership Application

The Welcome Fund Membership is a subsidized membership program that serves families with dependent children up to 8 years old. To obtain a Welcome Fund Membership, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Children, birth to 8 years old, must reside in the same household with the parent or legal guardian.
- Applicant must meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free meals as defined by the United States Health and Human Services (please see the second page of this application form for guidelines).
- The applicant must also be a resident of Douglas, Sarpy, or Pottawattamie counties.

To apply for a Welcome Fund membership, please submit a copy of **ONE** of the following documents with this application and \$5.00 payment:

- A copy of the letter from your child's school in Nebraska or Iowa notifying you that your child qualifies for the **free** school lunch program. *Reduced lunch does not qualify.*
- A copy of your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or WIC benefits approval letter.
- A copy of the most recent income tax return **for each adult** on the application stating Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). *Your Adjusted Gross Income must be at or below the guidelines listed on the second page of this application form to qualify for a Welcome Fund membership.*

 If you do not have one of the qualifying documents above, please call the museum at **(402) 342-6164** for information on other accepted documents. **OCM does not accept W-2 forms, Medicaid cards, pay stubs, Social Security benefits report or retirement benefits report as proof of income.**

**Please Mail the Following:**

- This completed application
- Free lunch letter from child's school, proof of SNAP or WIC benefits, or tax return
- A \$5.00 payment

**Mail To:**

**Omaha Children's Museum  
Membership Department  
500 South 20th Street  
Omaha, NE 68102**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Adult on Membership \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**If your membership application is approved, you will receive an e-mail with instructions to download your membership cards. Physical cards will no longer be sent.**

Total Number in Household \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Birthdates of Dependent Children \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child's School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of OCM? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when did your membership expire? \_\_\_\_\_

### Free Lunch Income Eligibility Guidelines: Effective through June 2019

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR FREE LUNCH GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Persons in family/household	Free Lunch Guidelines
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,616 for each additional person.	
1	\$15,782
2	\$21,398
3	\$27,014
4	\$32,630
5	\$38,246
6	\$43,862
7	\$49,478
8	\$55,094

OCM does not process Welcome Fund memberships on site. **Your application will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to process.** If approved, your membership will be valid for one year from issue date and instructions for downloading your mobile membership cards will be e-mailed to you. If you do not provide an e-mail, physical membership cards will be mailed to you. If denied, your membership application will be returned to you with explanation.