


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 on the membership must reside in the same household with the parent or legal guardian.
- Both adults on the membership must live at the same address.
- Applicant must meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free meals as defined by the United States Health and Human Services (see the second page of this application form for guidelines) or receive SNAP or WIC benefits.
- 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 **letter** or WIC benefits **letter**. ***COPY OF SNAP OR WIC CARDS DOES NOT QUALIFY AS PROOF OF BENEFITS. MUST BE 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, SNAP or WIC benefits **letter**, or tax return
- A \$5.00 payment

Mail To:

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

Date _____ Have you ever been a member of OCM? _____ Date of membership expiration _____

Primary Adult on Membership _____ 2nd Adult Name _____

2nd Adult's Relationship to Primary _____ Marital Status (optional) Single Married

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 not 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? _____

Free Lunch Income Eligibility Guidelines: Effective through June 2020

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR <u>FREE LUNCH</u> 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 \$5,746 for each additional person.	
1	\$16,237
2	\$21,983
3	\$27,729
4	\$33,475
5	\$39,221
6	\$44,967
7	\$50,713
8	\$56,459

OCM does not process Welcome Fund memberships on site. **Your application will take up to 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, digital membership card information will be mailed to you. If denied, your membership application will be returned to you with explanation.