


# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2021

2020-2021 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 \$5,824 for each additional person.	
1	\$16,588
2	\$22,412
3	\$28,236
4	\$34,060
5	\$39,884
6	\$45,708
7	\$51,532
8	\$57,356

**Your application may 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.