



**STATE OF HAWAII
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April 14, 2021

TO: Principals (Elementary)

FROM: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto
Superintendent

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**SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Eligibility for School Year 2021-22
Application Deadline: May 14, 2021**

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program with more than 30% of their students qualified for Free and Reduced (F/R) price meals may apply to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This program provides free, healthy fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to PreK-6 grade students. Schools can apply now for School Year (SY) 2021-22.

Elementary schools with 50% or higher F/R price enrollment are given priority for participation in this USDA program. Elementary schools that are over 30% F/R may also submit applications for consideration. Schools that submit their new or renewal applications will be selected according to their F/R percent until a capacity of approximately 32,000 students has been reached or when all funds have been allocated. These applications should be submitted to your School Food Authority (SFA). The SFA will submit the completed applications to the Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs (HCNP).

Any school in the attached list of schools over 30% F/R may apply (Attachment A). Schools that submitted applications for SY 2020-21 would only need to update the first page and the certification signatures page for resubmission. Those schools are in the "List of FFVP Schools for School Year 2020-21" attached (Attachment B).

This year, schools will only need to complete and submit the school information page and the certification signature page to apply for FFVP. The fillable FFVP application forms can be found at the HCNP website under FFVP <http://hcnp.hawaii.gov/overview/ffvp> and by clicking on the "FFVP Application" tab.

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Please read the important instructions and information for FFVP provided at the website.

SFAs must submit their schools' completed electronic forms to HCNP at: hcnpystems@notes.k12.hi.us. Any incomplete school applications received from SFAs will be returned to the SFA.

Applications must be received by **4:30 p.m., Friday, May 14, 2021**.

If you have any questions please contact Alvin Tachibana, HCNP Specialist, at (808) 587-3600 or via email at Alvin.Tachibana@k12.hi.us.

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