

Dear Parents,

Title 1 status is given to schools who have students who qualify for the Free or Reduced Meal program. We get close to \$80,000 each year which funds teachers and tutoring programs that help our students. Last year, we came short by about 100 students but the district let us continue for one year with a warning that we had to pull our numbers up. Here's where I need you.

In high school, we have some students who tell their parents they don't want free lunch and so the parents in turn don't fill out the application. That hurts us.

Here are the reasons why every student and their family should apply:

- 1) We have the opportunity to get free computers to families that qualify for free and reduced lunch, but we have to have the numbers to prove the need exists.
- 2) Students who are on the free and reduced list can take AP exams for \$5.00 each instead of \$91.00 each
- 3) ALL students benefit with the Title 1 designation as we receive opportunities with various organizations to get discounts to museums, bus trips, plays (we sent over 80 students to see Hamilton last year), etc.
- 4) Seniors applying to college on the common app can get their application fees waived if they're enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. The same for the UC application where you can get up to 4 applications free. This saves parents a ton of money!
- 5) Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch can get 2 total vouchers for a reduced (possibly free) SAT/ACT test fees.
- 6) The district is running a contest to give us \$1500 for supplies for ALL families who fill out the application (we can always use extra funds to buy supplies). We would have to be in the top percentages to receive it but who doesn't love competition! Go Patriot Parents!

I need EVERYONE to fill out this application using school name Henry High

School: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/food-nutrition-services>.

I know many of you will not qualify, but just filling out the application this year helps us and I would personally appreciate the added effort of support. I would suggest you do it with your student because they are going to college and knowing how to fill out forms like this is important for college applications too.

Thanks for your consideration!

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