

Why Families in Holland Public Schools should complete the Education Benefits Form

Because it's a key tool that unlocks essential support for both students and schools.

Here's why it's so important:



1. Ensures School Funding

- Federal and state resources (used for staffing, instructional materials, technology, social services, and more) are allocated based on household income data collected through this form
- Without these forms the district could lose out on critical funding



2. Access to Opportunities & Reduced Fees

- Students in qualifying households often gain free or reduced-cost benefits like:
 - SAT, ACT, AP exams
 - College application fee waivers
 - Athletic or extracurricular fee reductions
- For example, those meeting income thresholds may get AP test fee waivers or lower costs for sports participation



3. Supports At-Home Internet & Technology

- In some districts, families can also access discounted internet service or device subsidies — helping ensure students can effectively learn from home



4. Qualify for Summer Nutrition (EBT/SUN Bucks)

- Filling out the form may qualify families for summer EBT food benefits (like Michigan's SUN Bucks program), offering around \$120 per eligible student each summer for groceries



5. One Form — Multiple Benefits

- One form covers all students in the household — no need to fill out separate applications
- Eligibility based on benefits like SNAP, or household income, and additional supports



In Summary

Completing the Education Benefits Form helps your child *and* your community by:

- Enhancing Student programming (more counselors, tutors and supplies)
- Academic Savings (reduced test, college and athletic fees)
- Technology Access (Internet/computer support at home)
- Nutritional Assistance (summer grocery funding)

It's confidential, only requires yearly submission.

If you haven't filled it out for the current year, Holland Public Schools strongly encourages it — the benefits are significant across education, nutrition, and technology.