

## **MIGRANT FAMILY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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According to sections 1115(b)(1)(A) and 1309(2) of the statute and section 200.81(d) of the regulations, a child is eligible for the Migrant Education Program (MEP) if:

1. The child is younger than 22 and has not graduated from high school or does not hold a high school equivalency certificate; and
2. The child is a migrant agricultural worker or a migrant fisher or has a parent, spouse or guardian who is a migrant agricultural worker or a migrant fisher; and
3. The child has moved within the preceding 36 months in order to obtain (or seek) or to accompany (or join) a parent, spouse, or guardian to obtain (or seek), temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work; and
4. Such employment is a principal means of livelihood; and
5. The child
  - a. Has moved from one school district to another; or
  - b. In a State that is comprised of a single school district, has moved from one administrative area to another within such district; or
  - c. Resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in a fishing activity (this currently applies only to Alaska).

## **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY**

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As a result of the Federal Migrant Education monitoring visit conducted in May, 2009, it was determined that Iowa school districts must complete a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) on ALL students identified as migrant according to the Federal definition. This requirement applies to every district that identifies migrant students on Project Easier regardless of whether the district receives Federal Migrant Education funding.

All COEs must be sent to the State Migrant Education Program Coordinator for review and approval. Upon review and approval, districts will be notified as to the migrant students who are eligible for free meals through your school lunch program. Ineligible students cannot receive free meals.



School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Migrant Education Parent Form

**The answers to this form will help determine if your child (ren) is eligible to receive supplemental services from the Migrant Program.**

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:		
Best Time to be Contacted:		

1. Has your family moved in order to work in another city, country, or state in the last three (3) years  
YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_
2. If so, what is the date your family arrived in the city/town? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has anyone in your family been involved in one of the following jobs, either full or part-time or temporarily during the last three (3) years? (Check all that apply)

- Agriculture; planting/picking fruits and vegetables
- Planting, Growing, Detasseling or Farm labor
- Processing/packing agricultural products
- Dairy/Poultry/Egg/Livestocks
- Meatpacking/Meat processing
- Fishing or fish farms
- Other (Please specify the job): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of student(s)	Name of School	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Thank you!**

**Please return this form to the school.** Note for the school/district: When both "yes" to #1 and one or more of the boxes from #3 is/are checked, please give this form to the migrant liaison to scan and email to [alex.johnson@iowa.gov](mailto:alex.johnson@iowa.gov). Please file original in student's records. For additional questions regarding this form, please contact Geri McMahon at 515-2813944 ([geri.mcmahon@iowa.gov](mailto:geri.mcmahon@iowa.gov)) or Susan Selby at 515-281-4732 ([susan.selby@iowa.gov](mailto:susan.selby@iowa.gov)).