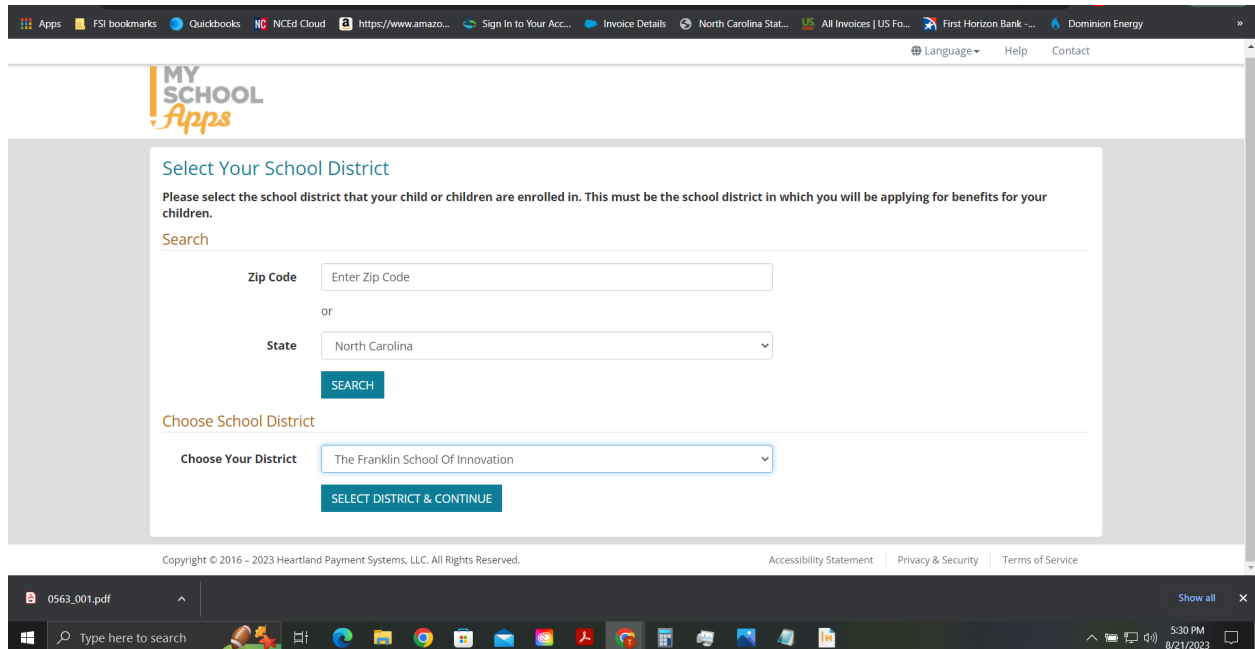


Good afternoon FSI Families,

We now have our Free and Reduced Application available for those who need it. The application itself is rather self explanatory, but if you require assistance in completing the application, please contact Deana Bennett at [dbennett@thefsi.us](mailto:dbennett@thefsi.us) or Tammy Harper at [tharper@thefsi.us](mailto:tharper@thefsi.us).

You will need to go to <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

After clicking “Get Started”, you will be directed to the following screen:



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'MY SCHOOL Apps' website. The page title is 'Select Your School District'. Below the title, there is a instruction: 'Please select the school district that your child or children are enrolled in. This must be the school district in which you will be applying for benefits for your children.' There are two main sections for selection: 'Search' and 'Choose School District'. The 'Search' section has a 'Zip Code' input field with the placeholder 'Enter Zip Code', followed by 'or', and a 'State' dropdown menu currently set to 'North Carolina'. A blue 'SEARCH' button is below this section. The 'Choose School District' section has a 'Choose Your District' dropdown menu currently set to 'The Franklin School Of Innovation'. A blue 'SELECT DISTRICT & CONTINUE' button is below this section. The footer of the page contains copyright information: 'Copyright © 2016 – 2023 Heartland Payment Systems, LLC. All Rights Reserved.' and links for 'Accessibility Statement', 'Privacy & Security', and 'Terms of Service'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 5:30 PM on 8/21/2023.

You will need to enter “North Carolina” as the state and “The Franklin School of Innovation” as the District.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `myschoolapps.com/Application`. The browser's address bar contains several tabs, including "FSI bookmarks", "Quickbooks", "NCEd Cloud", "https://www.amazo...", "Sign In to Your Acc...", "Invoice Details", "North Carolina Stat...", "All Invoices | US Fo...", "First Horizon Bank ...", and "Dominion Energy". The browser's menu bar includes "Language", "Help", "Contact", and "Quit Application".

The main content area of the application is titled "Getting Started" and features a navigation menu with the following items: "Getting Started", "Household Info", "Students", "Children (Non-Student)", "Signer's Info", "Household Members", "Misc Info", and "Review".

The "Getting Started" section contains the following text:

**Getting Started**

**What you will need to provide during the application process:**

- The names and incomes of every member of your household
- The school, grade, birthdate of every student in your household
- Your social security number and electronic signature
- (Optional) A valid email address or phone number for district communication about the status of the application.

If you are ready to get started, click the button below to begin the online process.

**BEGIN APPLICATION PROCESS**

The right sidebar contains a help section titled "Help: How To Apply Online" with the following sub-sections:

**How do I get help?**  
This section will contain any context sensitive help (help related to the page you are on) as you progress through the process. If you require additional help or have any questions please contact your district using the 'Contact' tab in this section.

**How long will this take?**  
The entire process should take 15-30 minutes depending on the size of your household and the information you are required to enter.

**How long does it take to review (approve) my application?**  
In most situations, your district should process your application within 10 working days of receiving it. However, by submitting your application online that time is shortened in comparison to paper application submissions. Therefore, you can expect a quicker approval when using our online service.

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The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows a search bar with the text "Type here to search", a taskbar with various application icons, and a system tray showing the time "3:28 PM" and the date "8/21/2023".

Please note that applications are not approved by the school or administration, but rather the guidelines set forth by the USDA.