



SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT PAYOFF FAQ

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The Arby's Foundation is paying off \$1 million in student lunch debt across the country. School districts are invited to apply for funding. Frequently asked questions are below.

1. **How are districts chosen to receive funding?** Any district in the US is invited to apply for funding to pay off all student lunch debt. Applicants will be selected on a first come, **first served basis while funds last. The application can be found [HERE.](#)**
2. **What requirements must the school district meet once funding is received?** The only requirement is that funds be used for the intended purpose only – payment of student lunch debt. No final report will be required.
3. **How much funding can a district apply for?** We encourage districts to ask for the full amount of student lunch debt they currently have. We will fund that in its entirety if funds are available. If funding isn't available for the full amount, a partial amount may be awarded.
4. **What's the timeline for making a decision and receiving funding?** Once the application is submitted, a decision will be made within 3 weeks and the applicant will be notified. If the applicant is notified of funding being awarded, funds will be paid within 3 weeks. Payment will be made via ACH.
5. **Will administrators be required to appear on TV or be part of a press release to receive funding?** It is not required to receive funding. However, we may ask for a quote to be included in a press release and would encourage districts to participate if comfortable.