

SY 2026-27 Sponsors to Conduct the Error-Prone (Standard) Verification Method

Due to having a low response rate (less than 80% of households responded) during last year's free & reduced verification process, the following sponsors must conduct the error-prone (Standard) Verification method during SY 2026-2027 and select 3% of the approved application to verify from those considered 'error-prone'.

An error-prone applications is within \$100 per month or \$1,200 annually of the anual Income Eligibility Guideline cut off points. It is recommended that sponsors needing to conduct the error-prone method of verification identify F/R applications considered 'error-prone' upon originally approving or ensure utilized software is capable of identifying error-prone applications for the verification process.

Sponsor #	Sponsor Name	SY 2025-2026	SY 2026-2027
		Household Application Response Rate to last SY's Verification Process	Required Verification Method
0536	Alder-Upper Ruby Elem	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0966	Billings Public Schools	33.33%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0968	Blue Creek Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0350	Bozeman Public Schools	57.14%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0101	Cascade Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0548	Circle Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0796	Colstrip Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0674	Conrad Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0731	Corvallis K-12 Schools	50.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0712	Deer Lodge School District No1	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0307	Deer Park Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0719	Elliston Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0790	Forsyth Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0133	Fort Benton Public Schls	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0206	Glendive Public Schools	33.33%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0735	Hamilton K-12 Schools	66.67%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0487	Helena Public Schools	57.14%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0923	Hysham K-12 Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0187	Kinsey Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0411	Lavina K-12 Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0522	Libby K-12 Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0613	Livingston Public Schools	50.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0588	Lolo Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0172	Miles City Public Schools	50.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0583	Missoula Co Public Schls	50.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0478	Polson Public Schools	33.33%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0842	Ramsay Elementary	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0537	Sheridan Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0327	Somers Elementary	33.33%	Error-Prone (Standard)
9214	St Mary's School	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0732	Stevensville Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0819	Westby K-12 Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0453	Whitehall Public Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
0291	Winifred K-12 Schools	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)
9980	Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch	0.00%	Error-Prone (Standard)

All remaining unlisted sponsors had 80% or more of households respond to the verification process during SY 2025-2026 and qualify for either the **Random (Alternate One)** or the **Focused (Alternate Two) verification methods** during SY 2026-2027.

Verification Sample Methods		
Do not include applications already confirmed as directly certified in the total count of applications that are in the pool of those subject to verification as their eligibility has already been confirmed from the program source.		
Error-Prone (Standard)	Error-Prone (Standard) method required if less than 80% of the household apps responded to last year's verification process.	3% of all applications approved as of Oct 1, selected from error prone applications.
Random (Alternate One)	May conduct the Random (Alternate One) method if 80% or more of the household apps responded to last year's verification process.	3% of all applications approved as of Oct 1, selected at random.
Focused (Alternate Two)	May conduct the Focused (Alternate Two) method if 80% or more of the household apps responded to last year's verification process.	1% of all applications approved as of Oct 1, selected from error-prone applications. PLUS .5% of applications approved as of Oct 1, selected from categorically eligible applications (household provided case # or categorical program on app) but NOT directly certified in DCA.