**Instructions**

**SFSP Participant Notification of the Availability of Free Meals**

**Conditional Non-Congregate Site**

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These instructions are not to be distributed with this notification.

Conditional non-congregate sites participating in the Summer Food Service Program may only claim meals served to children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals; therefore, these sites must collect and maintain individual household applications.

Additionally, federal regulations require that any conditional non-congregate site must provide notification to each participant about the potential availability of free meals and that a household application is required to qualify a participant for those free meals.

The notification template below includes information about the availability of free meals, the request to complete a household application, income eligibility thresholds for reduced-price meals,\* and a civil rights statement. Contracting Entities/sites may develop their own notification templates, but all of the information in this prototype is required.

**\*NOTE:** The Income Eligibility guidelines included below expire **June 30, 2025.** If enrolling children at a site on July 1 or after, the eligibility thresholds must be updated to reflect 2025-2026 guidelines. Those guidelines are located on SquareMeals.org here: <https://squaremeals.org/FandN-Resources/Income-Eligibility-Guidelines>

**Form Retention**

This form is updated annually by TDA. Keep each year’s edition of this template for three years from the end of the program year. **Exception:** If audit findings, claims, or litigation have not been resolved by the end of the retention period, all forms and records must be retained until all issues are resolved.

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**Notification of Summer Meals and Request to Complete Household Application**

This summer, [insert site name] plans to distribute free meals to all eligible children via the Summer Food Service Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). To be eligible to receive free meals at [insert site name], children must meet the income standards for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program (see below). Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly foods stamps) benefits or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

To verify the potential eligibility of each child, we are asking households to complete a household income application.

**[DELETE BEFORE DISTRIBUTION – The below table reflects income eligibility guidelines that expire June 30, 2025. If distributing this notification and application after June 30, update the figures below with the PY 2025-2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines, located on SquareMeals here: https://squaremeals.org/FandN-Resources/Income-Eligibility-Guidelines]**

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| **FAMILY****SIZE** | **ANNUAL** | **MONTHLY** | **TWICE MONTHLY**  | **BI-WEEKLY**  | **WEEKLY** |
| 1 | $27,861 | $2,322 | $1,161 | $1,072 | $536 |
| 2 | $37,814 | $3,152 | $1,576 | $1,455 | $728 |
| 3 | $47,767 | $3,981 | $1,991 | $1,838 | $919 |
| 4 | $57,720 | $4,810 | $2,405 | $2,220 | $1,110 |
| 5 | $67,673 | $5,640 | $2,820 | $2,603 | $1,302 |
| 6 | $77,626 | $6,469 | $3,235 | $2,986 | $1,493 |
| 7 | $87,579 | $7,299 | $3,650 | $3,369 | $1,685 |
| 8 | $97,532 | $8,128 | $4,064 | $3,752 | $1,876 |
| For each additional family member, add: $9,953 | $830 | $415 | $383 | $192 |

**Income Standards for Reduced Price Meals through June 30, 2025**

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(1)  mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture;

 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

 1400 Independence Avenue, SW

 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(2)  fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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