



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs \$2.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. To put money on your student's meal accounts visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

1. **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household attending an AADUSD school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. You can complete an application online by going to [www.aadusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.aadusd.k12.ca.us), and click on the Nutri Cloud button. If you would like to apply using the paper application you may visit your school site or the District Office at 32248 Crown Valley Rd., Acton. Return the completed application to: the main office of your student's school or Acton-Agua Dulce USD Attn: Paulette Buechner, 32248 Crown Valley Rd., Acton CA 93510.
2. **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from CalFresh, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), CalWORKS, or Kinship Guardianship Assistance and payment Program (Kin-GAP) can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
3. **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
4. **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please contact your child's counselor or school homeless liaison to see if they qualify.
5. **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
6. **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If you have questions, call Paulette Buechner, Coordinator of Food Services at 661-269-5999 x 108.
7. **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
8. **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out an application.
9. **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
10. **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Lynn David, Assistant Superintendent, 32248 Crown Valley Rd., Acton CA 93510, 661-269-0750.
12. **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
13. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
14. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
15. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
16. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS THEIR COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to their basic pay because of their deployment and it wasn't received before they were deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.

If you have other questions or need help, contact Paulette Buechner, 661-269-5999 x 108.

Your children may be eligible for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

**Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019**

Household Size	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1	\$ 22,459	\$ 1872	\$ 936	\$ 864	\$ 432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add:					
	\$ 7,992	\$ 666	\$ 333	\$ 308	\$ 154

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You are not required to provide the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price meals. If you are submitting an income-based application, you must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the Social Security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child; list a CalFresh, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number for your child; or indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number. We will use your household size and income information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for the administration of the lunch and breakfast programs.

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**School Year 2018-19 Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals** Complete one application per household.

Please read the instructions on how to apply. Print clearly with a pen. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**California Education Code Section 49557(a): Applications for free and reduced-price meals may be submitted at any time during a school day. Children participating in the federal National School Lunch Program will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special tickets, special serving lines, separate entrances, separate dining areas, or by any other means.**

**STEP 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION**

Children in **Foster Care** and children who meet the definition of **Homeless, Migrant, or Runaway** are eligible for free meals.

Print the name of <b>EACH STUDENT</b> (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Enter <b>school name and grade level</b>		Enter <b>student's birthdate</b>	Check the applicable box if the student is <b>foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway.</b>				
	<b>EXAMPLE: Joseph P Adams</b>	<b>Lincoln Elementary</b>		<b>1st</b>	<b>12-15-2010</b>	Foster	Homeless	Migrant
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**STEP 2 – ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: CalFresh, CalWORKs, or FDIPIR**

Do ANY household members (child or adult) currently participate in CalFresh, CalWORKs or FDIPIR? If **NO**, skip STEP 2 and continue to STEP 3.

If <b>YES</b> , check the applicable program box, enter one case number, skip STEP 3, and continue to STEP 4.	Select Program Type:	Enter Case Number:
	<input type="checkbox"/> CalFresh <input type="checkbox"/> CalWORKs <input type="checkbox"/> FDIPIR	

**STEP 3 – REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (Skip this step if you answered 'YES' in STEP 2)**

<b>A. STUDENT INCOME:</b> Sometimes students in the household earn income. Enter the <b>TOTAL GROSS</b> income (before deductions) in whole dollars earned by all students listed in STEP 1. Enter the appropriate pay period in the "How Often" box: <b>W = Weekly, 2W = Biweekly, 2M = Twice a Month, M = Monthly, Y = Yearly</b>	Total Student Income	How Often
	\$	

**B. ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (including yourself):** List **ALL** household members not listed in STEP 1, even if they do not receive income. For each household member, report the **TOTAL GROSS** income (before deductions) in whole dollars for each source. If the household member does not receive income from any sources, write "0". If you enter "0" or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Enter the appropriate pay period in the "How Often" box: **W = Weekly, 2W = Biweekly, 2M = Twice a Month, M = Monthly, Y = Yearly**

Print the name of <b>ALL OTHER</b> Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How Often	Public Assistance/SSI/ Child Support/Alimony	How Often	Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How Often
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	
	\$		\$		\$	

<b>C. Total Household Members</b> (Children and Adults)	<input type="text"/>	<b>D. Enter the last four digits of Social Security number (SSN) from the Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Check the box if NO SSN</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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**STEP 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION & ADULT SIGNATURE**

Certification: I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable state and federal laws.

Signature of adult completing this application:		
Print Name:		
Date:	Phone Number:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		

DO NOT COMPLETE. SCHOOL USE ONLY		
How Often? <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Twice a Month <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x52, Biweekly x26, Twice a Month x24, Monthly x12	Total Household Income	
Total Household Size	Eligibility Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced-price <input type="checkbox"/> Paid (Denied)	<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical
	Verified as: <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway	<input type="checkbox"/> Error Prone
Determining Official's Signature:	Date:	
Confirming Official's Signature:	Date:	
Verifying Official's Signature:	Date:	

<b>OPTIONAL – CHILDREN'S ETHNIC AND RACIAL IDENTITIES</b>
We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.
<b>Ethnicity (check one):</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino
<b>Race (check one or more):</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White