

STEP 5: Optional CHILDREN'S ETHNIC and RACIAL IDENTITIES You are **not required** to answer this question.

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian
 White
 Black or African American
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Other

NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

DATE:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your application for free or reduced-price meals for your child(ren) has been:

- Approved for applicable programs listed below (check all that apply)
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price lunches at \$_____ per meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Breakfasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price breakfast at \$_____ per meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free After School Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced price After School Snacks at \$_____ per snack |
- Denied because:
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Household income is over the amount allowable. | <input type="checkbox"/> The application is missing_____. |
|---|---|
- Other_____.

You may appeal this decision by contacting the Hearing Official, Jennifer Gagnon at gagnonj@link75.org or by calling 207-798-3636 x 1022.

Sincerely,

Paul Milliken
Food Service Director
Approving Officer

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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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