

USAG ANSBACH SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016 FREE AND REDUCED MEAL (FARM) APPLICATION

INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Submit completed applications to Parent Central Services or the School Liaison Officer:

Katterbach, building 5818 Room 103 or 105: 09802-83-2533.

The Free and Reduced-Price meals in schools are a Federal Program administered by the Department of Agriculture under 7 CFR Chapter II, Part 245. This law establishes definitions, eligibility, and certification requirements pertaining to the program.

The program's 12 month period runs from *01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.*

ALL APPLICANTS MUST REAPPLY EACH YEAR STARTING 1 JULY AND EVERY ACCOUNT IS RESET TO FULL PAYING EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Each year in the Federal Register (around 15 March), the Department publishes the Income Eligibility Guidelines for the coming year. *The Alaska scale is used for USAREUR.*

Families whose incomes are less than or equal to the reduced price criteria are eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

REDUCED meals will cost 40 cents each.

Reduced or Free entitles the student to the **basic lunch tray**. No a la carte items are covered. The basic lunch tray can NOT be substituted for any a la carte items. Students will pay full price for any a la carte items, even if they decline the basic lunch tray. ***Any questions about lunch selections, meal costs, charges, or account balances should go to the Exchange lunch staff at each school. The school and CYS Services will not have this information.***

To determine eligibility:

1. **Parent completes a current application** (AE Form 352-1A; BLOCKS 1-21) including:
 - a. The names of ALL household members.
 - b. Provide the ***last 4*** of Social Security Number (SSN) and signature of the primary wage earner.
 - c. If another household member signs the application, the last 4 of their social security number will be required on the application.
2. **Provide Leave and Earning Statement:** i.e., a current leave and earnings statement (LES) of the military member and a current wage statement from any other employed household member. Income should be identified by source (earnings, wages, welfare, pensions, support payments, unemployment compensation, social security, or other cash income and the frequency the income is received (weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, monthly).

Sure Start Program: ***Regardless of income,*** an application must be completed for all children attending Sure Start.

Military's Annual Pay Raise

Families in the program must notify CYS Services' Parent Central Services of any decrease in household size or of increases in income over \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 per year.

Fraudulent Information

Providing fraudulent information may result in prosecution under the UCMJ or Federal Law and dismissal from the program.

**Random sampling of applications will be audited throughout the school year to verify eligibility accuracy and parent will be notified of any changes. Documentation will be forwarded to AAFES.