

IMPORTANT MEAL BENEFIT INFORMATION

Households are giving a **grace period** of 30 operating days at the beginning of the new school year to complete their new meal benefit application. **The deadline for meal applications to be submitted is October 10.** Effective Tuesday, October 11, all student meal status eligibilities default back to **PAID** eligibility status **UNLESS** a new meal benefit application for the 2016-2017 school year was submitted and approved for Free or Reduced Price benefits. Parents are encouraged to apply online for meal benefits for the 2016-2017 school year now to prevent any interruptions of meal benefits. *If meal eligibility status goes back to PAID status on October 11th, parents will be responsible for paying the full price for breakfast and lunch meals served.*



REMEMBER: Deadline is October 10, 2016

TAKE ACTION NOW... Parents can go to the website <https://www.paschoolmeals.com/Register.aspx> to complete a meal application for the current school year. You can access this website from the district website under the Parent tab > click on Free or Reduced Lunch Applications.

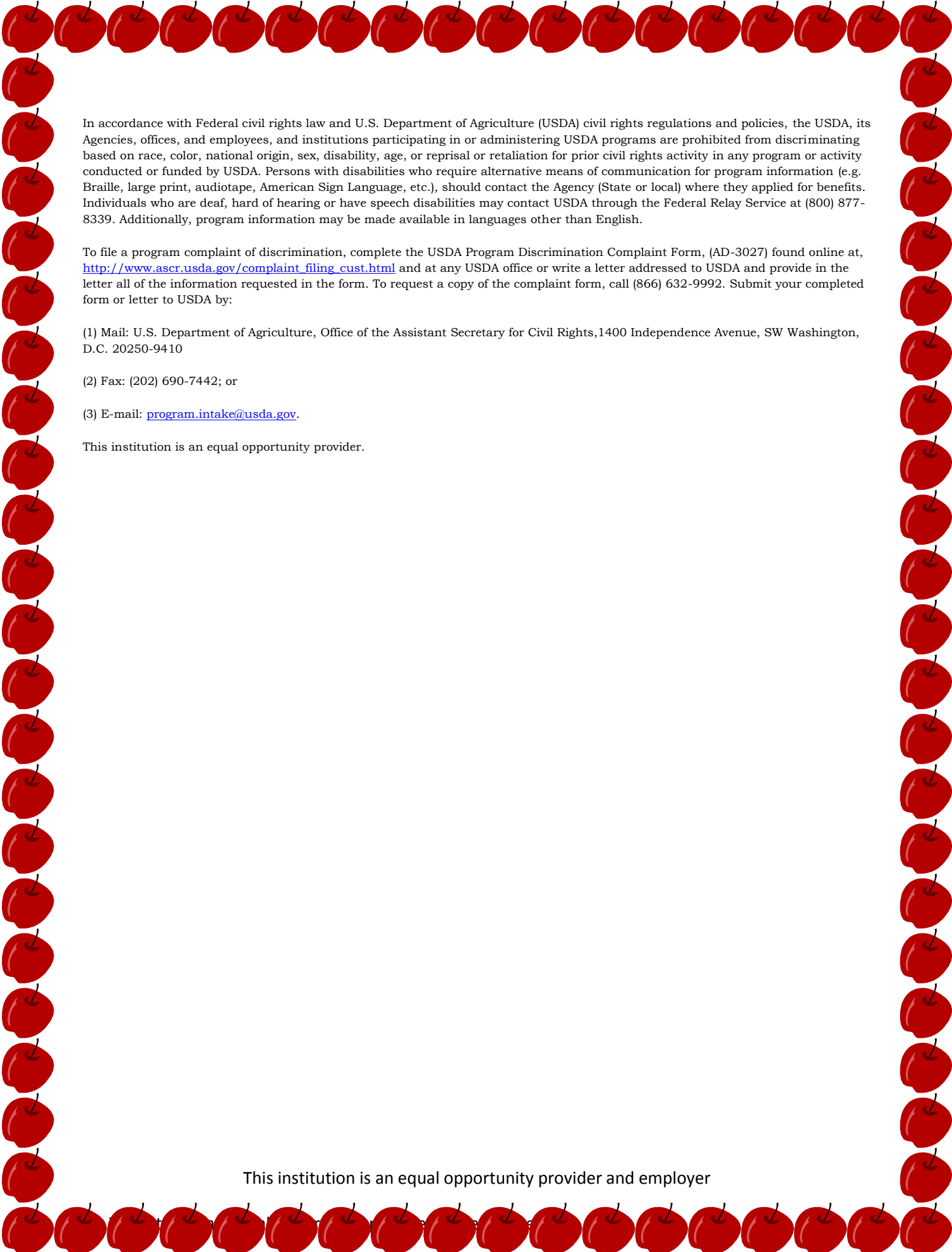
Meal status eligibility from the previous school year is **only** good until October 10, 2016. Households **must reapply** for meal benefits every school year **after July 1**. Please take action now to prevent losing your meal benefits.

If you received a **Direct Certification Letter** from the Baldwin-Whitehall School District **after July 1, 2016** that lists your children's names in the household as eligible for Free meals for the 2016-2017 school year, you do not need to complete a meal benefit application this school year. Each child's name in your household must be listed in that letter. If that letter did not list every child in your household that attends BWS, please contact Judy Bourne at jbourne@bwschools.net or 412-885 – 7500 x8081.

Questions...

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bourne, Assistant Food Service Director, at jbourne@bwschools.net or 412-885 –7500 x 8081.

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