



Summer Food Service Program

Food That's In When School Is Out

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Summer Food Service Program

- Provides free, nutritious meals to low-income children
- Children must be 18 years and under; 19 and over with documented mental or physical disability
- Operates from May to September
- Federally funded program that is administered through State agencies

Options for School Districts

- Summer Food Service Program (all children in community served)
- Seamless Summer Option (all children in community served)
- Continuation of NSLP (only enrolled summer school students served)



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Summer Food Service Program-SFSP (Simplified Summer Food Program)

- SFSP sites are located in areas where 50% or more of children qualify for free or reduced price school meals or using the census data
- SFSP sites serve all children in the local area
- SFSP sites receive the SFSP meal reimbursement rates, which are higher than the NSLP rates
- SFSP sponsors must attend the SFSP training (returning sponsors may attend conference call training) & follow all SFSP requirements



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Program Benefits

- Provides nutritious meals to needy children
- Helps families stretch their food-buying dollar, which is especially needed when children have been on the NSLP during the school year
- Keeps children mentally engaged so they return to school, ready to learn
- Provides positive adult interaction during the summer months and helps children avoid isolation issues



Meal Service for the SFSP

- Two meals per child, per day
- Camps, migrant, and Alaska Native sites may claim up to 3 meals per day
- Meals must meet the minimum USDA standards:

Breakfast:

(1 milk, 1 veg or fruit, 1 grain or bread)

Lunch/Supper:

(1 milk, 2 veg and/or fruits, 1 grain/bread, 1 meat meat alternate)

Snack:

(2 food items: milk, vegetable or fruit, grain, meat/meat alt)



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Sponsoring Organizations must:

- Accept financial and administrative responsibility
- Be capable of managing a food service
- Sponsors:
 - Train staff and monitor sites
 - Arrange for meals
 - Oversee site operations
 - Complete paperwork
 - Submit claims for reimbursement
 - Communicate with Child Nutrition Services



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Sponsoring Organizations are:

- Schools
- Community and faith-based organizations
- Private non-profit organizations
- Local governments
- College or university participating the National Youth Sports Program or Upward Bound Program
- Alaska Native Villages or Tribal Councils



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Potential Feeding Sites

- Schools
- Parks
- Pools
- Community or Rec Centers
- Churches
- Playgrounds
- Housing projects
- Camps
- Migrant or Tribal centers
- Libraries



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Site Types

- **Open site** - All children in an eligible **area** eat free without the need of additional paperwork
- **Closed Enrolled site** - All children enrolled in an eligible program eat free, if 50% or more meet the income eligibility guidelines as demonstrated by household income applications or income records from the school they attended
- **Camp site** – Children who meet the eligibility requirements eat free, as demonstrated by household income applications
- **Migrant or Alaska Native site** – All children enrolled eat free without the need of additional paperwork

SFSP Site Definitions & Eligibility Documentation

SFSP SITE

A site is the physical location where meals are served to children and are consumed in a supervised setting.

OPEN SITE

- Serves all children in the geographical area where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.
- Reimbursed for all attending children.

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION

School
Data

Census Block
Group Data

SFSP Site Definitions & Eligibility Documentation, Continued

CLOSED ENROLLED SITE

- Serves only children in specific program or in activity serving only identified groups of children.
- Site is not open to the community at large.
- Reimbursed for all attending children.

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION

- Income eligibility applications accurately completed and at least 50% of enrollees are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

OR

- Sponsor may obtain lists of names and eligibility of enrolled children for free or reduced-price meals from schools where children receive school lunch or breakfast.



SFSP Site Definitions & Eligibility Documentation, Continued

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP & NON RESIDENTIAL DAY CAMP

Reimbursed only for meals served to campers who have been individually determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.



NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM (NYSP)

3 Ways to Qualify

Sponsor provides written certification that it meets DHHS income guidelines

50% of enrolled children reside in geographical area where poor economic conditions exist

50% of enrolled children meet the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals

SFSP Site Definitions & Eligibility Documentation, Continued

MIGRANT or ALASKA NATIVE SITE

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION

- May be located in needy or non-needy areas.
- Must serve primarily children of migrant families or Alaska Native children, but may serve other children as well.
- Reimbursed for all children served.



- Migrant organization or tribal authority certifies that the site serves migrant or Alaska Native children

OR

- If other children are served, the migrant or tribal authority certifies that the site primarily serves migrant or Alaska Native children



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Site Eligibility

- **Area Eligibility for Open Sites**
 - 50% or more of the children in a school service area qualify for Free or Reduced-Price School meals, based on school or census data

- **Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites**

Household Income Applications

- Each child must return an application to the sponsor **or** Sponsor may obtain lists of names and eligibility of enrolled children for free or reduced-price meals from schools where children receive school lunch or breakfast.
- 50% must be eligible for Free or Reduced-Price meals



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Two Exceptions

- **Camps** - Residential and non-residential camps collect household income applications. Only meals served to children eligible for free or reduced-priced are reimbursed.
- **Migrant or Alaska Native Sites** – Obtain certification from a migrant or Native organization that meals are served primarily to children of migrant or Alaska native families.



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Reimbursements

■ Operating costs & Administrative Costs

Eligible Meals X Rate

Rural or Anchorage Self-Prep Site

- Breakfast: \$3.0000
- Lunch: \$5.2675
- Snack: \$1.2450

Anchorage Vended Site

- Breakfast: \$2.9450
- Lunch: \$5.1825
- Snack: \$1.2175



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What you can do ~

- Become a sponsor
- Host feeding site
- Offer an activity program in addition to a feeding program
- Provide meals to feeding sites, if you have meal preparation facilities (these can be your own feeding sites or other sponsor's in the community)
- Offer to let a non-profit use your site for feeding local children



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Sponsor Responsibilities

- Attend required Annual EED training.
- Submit Application by May deadline.
- Operate sites in eligible areas.
- Train staff and volunteers on SFSP operations.
- Be responsible for information provided in the guidance manuals.
- Keep all documentation 3 years plus current year.



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Guidance Resources

- Administrative Guidance
- Site Supervisor Guide
- Monitor Guide
- Nutrition Guidance
- SFSP Regulations
- Application Packet
- Food Buying Guide



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Keys to Success

- Creative and fun activities for kids and teens
- Develop partnerships
- Involve parents and interested community members
- Be resourceful and innovative – combine program with other money available for youth activity programs
- Identify local champions



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Groups to contact

- Libraries
- Mayor's office – many times they have a interest (& funds) in keeping youth fed and occupied during the summer months
- Boys & Girls Club
- Salvation Army
- Police & Fire Departments
- National Park Service – they do wonderful programs for kids that you could combine with your feeding program
- Community Action agencies or non-profits that may have volunteers available



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Success Stories

- **Kashunamiut School District** had a great community turnout during their 4 week feeding program
- **Family Centered Services of Alaska, Inc.** (a RCCI) had a feeding site for the students working at the soccer fields in Fairbanks – the youth worked hard and were fed delicious sack lunches outdoors all summer
- **Yakutat Tlingit Tribe** contracted with a local grocery store and had their feeding site at the store, where kids hang out. They had a phenomenal activity program for the kids, using other money and volunteers



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Challenges

- Short program duration
- Training & paperwork for sponsors
- Getting administrators of potential program sites on-board
- Getting children to participate



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What next?

- You can make a difference!!!
- Get the word out there!
- Contact the state agency:

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