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### **2022 Turnip the Beet Award Winner**



Congratulations goes out to Lori Epstein and her team at the Stevens Point Area School District, who took home the Gold Turnip the Beet Award for Wisconsin! This award recognizes sponsors within the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) that go above and beyond program requirements to serve high-quality meals to children during the summer months. This year, 98 sponsors across the nation qualified for either a gold, silver, or bronze Turnip the Beet award. For more information visit the Turnip the Beet website.

### **Training Opportunities and Registration Reminder!**

**ALL SPONSORS must register for one of the training options below by March 1<sup>st</sup>!** Registration information is also posted on the [SFSP Training Page](#).

**Option 1: Pop-up Sessions (Oak Creek, Sparta, Stevens Point, Appleton):** These sessions will be an open time period (no formal presentation) where returning sponsors can 'pop-in' to receive program updates, the latest resources from DPI and USDA, and receive one-on-one training with the DPI SFSP consultants. We'll be there to help you plan your 2023 program, assist with identifying community partners and potential sites for expansion, and answer specific questions you may have. Each location will provide the same information; choose the one most convenient to you!

- [Oak Creek – Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.](#)
- [Sparta – Thursday, March 23, 2023, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.](#)
- [Stevens Point – Thursday, March 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.](#)
- [Appleton – Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.](#)

**Option 2: Full Day Training (Rice Lake, Madison):** These full day group trainings will provide a comprehensive review of the SFSP administrative and operational requirements. Topics covered will include site eligibility, meal service requirements, production planning, procurement, site training and monitoring, civil rights requirements, meal counting, claiming, and financial management. This training is for new sponsors, returning sponsors with new administrative staff and ***any other sponsor personnel that that would like a complete refresher.***

- [Rice Lake – Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.](#)
- [Madison – Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.](#)

**Option 3: E-Learning Course:** If not attending a Pop-up or a Full Day Training, you are required to [Register for the E-Learning Course](#). This is available online and can be access 24/7 without a password. The Lessons must be reviewed prior to starting SFSP operation. Complete the form at the end of each lesson for verification that the Lesson has been completed.

**Now Available – 2023 SFSP E-Learning**

If you signed up to review the SFSP E-Learning Course for training, it is now posted on the SFSP Training Page. Be sure to complete the training certificates at the end of each lesson to document that training has been completed.



## **Application Process & Webinar**

Sponsors may begin updating their SFSP application starting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is due April 10<sup>th</sup> if ordering USDA Foods and/or requesting an advance in payment. All others are due May 5<sup>th</sup>. There are a few changes in the SFSP for this coming summer that will affect information submitted on your application. If not attending an in-person training, it is highly recommended that sponsors watch the Webinar, mentioned below. Here are several important resources to help you through the Process:

- 2023 Application Process
- 2023 SFSP Application Manual
- Recorded SFSP 2023 Application Webinar, that will be posted on March 2<sup>nd</sup> on the [SFSP Training Page](#).

## **Webinar on provisions impacting CACFP and SFSP in the Proposed Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Time:** 1:30 PM Central Standard Time

**Target audience:** CACFP and SFSP State agencies and sponsors/operators

**Co-sponsors include:** Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Afterschool Alliance, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Child Care Aware of America, CACFP Roundtable, CLASP (Center for Law and Social Policy), Feeding America, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Homegrown, Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN), National Association of Family Child Care, National CACFP Forum, National CACFP Sponsors Association, National Farm to School Network, National Head Start Association, National Recreation and Park Association, No Kid Hungry Campaign by Share Our Strength, Partnership for a Healthier America, YMCA of the USA

**To register, please visit:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

The information contained in this Bulletin is also located on the [SFSP website](#). Questions may be directed to your [assigned SFSP consultant](#) or sent to [sfsp@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:sfsp@dpi.wi.gov).



*Program Abbreviation/Definition Key*

**SFA**=School Food Authority  
**SSO**=Seamless Summer Option  
**SFSP**=Summer Food Service Program

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