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SFSP Boot Camp and Scholarship Opportunity

The National CACFP Association for Sponsors will be hosting an online SFSP Boot Camp on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Topics Include:

- Summer Food Service Program Basics,
- Sponsoring Summer Food: Keys to Financial Management,
- Feeding Communities: From Planning to Serving Meals in the SFSP,
- From Hot to Cold: Create an Award-Winning SFSP Lunch Menu,
- Rural, Non-Congregate Summer Food Service in Action,
- and Ask Us Anything About SFSP.

More information, registration, and applications for a scholarship to attend, can be found online at [National CACFP Association for Sponsors, SFSP Boot Camp](#). **The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Sunday, January 7, 2024.**

Documenting Participant Eligibility

The 2024 Household Letter, Household Income Application (UPDATED FOR 2024), Instructions and the Household Size Income Scale, are located on the [SFSP Materials & Resources](#) page, under Documenting Participant Eligibility. Camps and closed enrolled sites needing to determine participant eligibility for reimbursement purposes, must be sure to use the updated forms for summer 2024!

FY2024 Census Data Released

Census data used to automatically qualify SFSP open, restricted open, and closed enrolled sites, is now available on [USDA's Capacity Builder](#) website. In addition, DPI has posted a new eligibility resource: [FY2024 Census Eligibility for WI Public Schools](#). Sponsors can use this to easily determine if a particular public school is eligible using the FY2024 census data.

The Capacity Builder Map may also be used to visualize “layers” of information, such as underserved areas, and identify locations for new sites. Users can find their nearest potential community partners such as multi-family housing units, libraries, faith-based institutions, military bases, schools and more. The Capacity Builder is a powerful tool for sponsors to evaluate the previous summer’s performance as well plan for the next summer.

Rural Non-congregate Meal Service Implementation Webinar

On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (the Act) (P.L. 117-328). The Act included significant policy changes for Child Nutrition Programs, including the authorization of a permanent, non-congregate meal service through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for rural areas with no congregate meal service.

FNS anticipates that the Summer EBT and Rural Non-congregate Summer Meals Option Interim Final Rule (IFR) will be published in late December 2023. In anticipation of IFR publication, FNS plans to host an implementation webinar for **Summer Meals Sponsoring Organizations and Program Operators on Non-Congregate Summer Meal Service for Rural Areas on Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 2 to 3:30 PM Eastern Time**. Registration is available [here](#).

This webinar will include time for questions and answers from the audience. It will also be recorded and made available on the FNS website at a later date. All registrants will receive an email once webinar recordings are available. **DPI will also host a webinar to discuss how the implementation process will occur in Wisconsin in 2024. Sponsors will be notified of the availability of that webinar, early in 2024.**

USDA SFSP Policy Memos Updates

[Revised: Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meal Programs, CACFP, and SFSP](#), SP 02-2024, CACFP 02-2024, SFSP 02-2024.

This memorandum provides updated guidance on crediting tofu and soy yogurt products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and extends previous guidance on crediting tofu and soy yogurt products to the Summer Food Service Program, as well as to the infant meal pattern in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

[Procuring Local Meat, Poultry, Game and Eggs for Child Nutrition Programs](#), SP 01, CACFP 01, SFSP 01-2016

Recently, FNS has received a number of questions related to buying local meat, poultry, game, and eggs; this memorandum seeks to clarify the regulatory requirements related to food safety and answer specific questions related to these products with a series of questions and answers.

[Clarification of Allowable Flexibilities for Child Nutrition Programs Experiencing Milk Supply Shortages](#), SP 01-2024, CACFP 01-2024, SFSP 01-2024

FNS is aware that schools in multiple states are experiencing milk supply chain challenges related to packaging issues. This memorandum provides state agencies with information about existing authority related to schools and other child nutrition program operators experiencing inadequate milk supply. FNS encourages state agencies to use this authority when needed to support program operators impacted by the current milk packaging challenges.

[Nationwide Expansion of SFSP Simplified Cost Accounting Procedures - Revised](#), SFSP 01-2008

This guidance updates previously issued guidance to clarify Summer Food Service Program simplified cost accounting requirements, as found in 7 CFR Part 225.

[Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers - Revised](#), SFSP 05-2017

This guidance updates previously issued Questions and Answers to clarify SFSP requirements. It supersedes SFSP 05-2017, Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers, Dec. 1, 2016.

[Unused Reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program](#), SFSP 13-2023

This memorandum provides guidance to state agencies and program operators for managing situations in which sponsors receive more reimbursement than they have spent on allowable costs in the Summer Food Service Program.

Also, see the new [SFSP Unused Reimbursement Tip Sheet](#), provided by DPI.

The Community Nutrition Team would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!



Program Abbreviation/Definition Key

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

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