



Summer Food Service Program

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Feeding Hungry Minds and Bodies

Children's Hunger Alliance and the Ohio Department of Education are committed to offering personalized assistance to help schools in all 88 Ohio counties to implement school breakfast, lunch, afterschool and summer feeding programs.

In just the past four years, we've helped more than 20,197 additional Ohio children gain access to a nutritious snacks and meals by working with Ohio schools to implement Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

We believe that by helping all schools to offer these programs, we can effectively end childhood hunger in our state by ensuring that children, regardless of the economic situation of their families, have access to nutritious meals during and after school and during the summer time, too. In the end, children will be ready to learn and succeed.

What is the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)?

SFSP is one of several Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by The Ohio Department of Education. Other Child Nutrition Programs include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and After School Care Snack Program. These programs reimburse schools and other youth-serving organizations for providing nutritious meals to children. Nationally over 25 million children in over 90,000 schools participate in Child Nutrition Programs. The SFSP in Ohio daily serves meals and snacks for over 120,000 children at nearly 1,500 sites through the SFSP during summer.

Site Eligibility

- **Open Site** – 50% or more of children in area must be eligible for free or reduced-priced meals (based on F/R rate of nearest school & census data. All children in area can participate.
- **Enrolled Site** – 50% of the children enrolled in the program must be eligible for free or reduced priced meals. Only children enrolled can participate.
- **Camp Sites** – The sponsor must document the children's household income. Only the meals served to children eligible for free or reduced-price meals are reimbursable.
- **Migrant Sites** – Sponsor must document that the site serves predominantly the children of migrant workers.

What are the SFSP meal patterns?

To participate, your program must:

- Be operated by a private non-profit organization, school or government agency.
- Be located in a low-income area or serve primarily low-income children.
- Operate during the summer or during a year-round school's extended break.

What are the benefits?

- Feed hungry children and teens nutritious snacks and meals.
- Attract students to activities that help them learn and stay safe when school is out.
- Help parents stretch food dollars.
- Save money on food so your organization can provide additional programming.
- Give children and teens organized activities, a chance to interact with peers, and opportunities to be physically active.

The following foods must be made available and/or served to all children.

Food Groups	Breakfast	Lunch/Supper	Snack
Meat or Meat Alternates	Optional	2 ounce	One
Grains & Breads	1 slice, 2 oz. dry cereal, ½ cup pasta	1 slice, 2 oz. dry cereal, ½ cup pasta	One serving from any two food groups
Fruit and/or Vegetable	½ cup	¾ cup	
Milk	8 fluid ounces	8 fluid ounces	

Examples:

Breakfast – Whole grain cereal, milk and a pear

Lunch/Supper – A turkey sandwich with lettuce and tomato, milk and an apple

Snack – Sliced peaches and yogurt

Organizations can be reimbursed for up to two meals per child per day. Any combination of two meals may be claimed except lunch and supper. Camps and migrant sites may claim up to three meals per day per child.

What children are eligible for SFSP benefits?

Any child age 1-18 will be provided a meal at an approved site. Children with disabilities enrolled in an education program with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) may participate through age 21.

Contact **Children's Hunger Alliance** today to talk with one of our outreach specialists. We can help you set up meals and snacks at your summer program.

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USDA prohibits discrimination in the administration of its program. To file a complaint, write to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302.

USDA Reimbursement Program: How It Works

Organizations that choose to take part in the SFSP receive reimbursements from the USDA for each snack and meal served. In return, organizations serve snacks and meals that meet federal requirements, and offer snacks and meals to all enrolled children, regardless of income status.

Effective January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Reimbursement rates for different types of sites

Meal	Self preparation, Or rural sites	Urban (non self prep), vended
Breakfast	\$1.82	\$1.78
Lunch/Supper	\$3.18	\$3.13
Snack	\$0.75	\$0.74

SFSP reimbursements are now based on the number of reimbursable meals served multiplied by the combined operating and administrative rate for that meal.