



Program Simplifications

Summer is for fun, not unnecessary paperwork. Here are some ways USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has simplified the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

- **Streamlined requirements for existing operators of the National School Lunch Program (NLSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).**

Schools

FNS established a new simplified application procedure that is now available to schools and school food authorities currently participating in school meals programs that wish to apply for SFSP. Other simplifications for schools and SFAs relate to procurement requirements and monitoring.

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP07_SFSP04-2013.pdf

CACFP Sponsors and At-Risk Afterschool Sites

Current CACFP sponsors may follow the streamlined application requirements that experienced SFSP sponsors and sites use, rather than apply as a new SFSP sponsor or site. Sites offering CACFP at-risk afterschool meals already meet the area eligibility requirements to operate an open site in the SFSP.

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP%2006_CACFP%2003_SFSP%2006-2014os.pdf

- **Simplified operating requirements to help sponsors expand reach in their communities.**

Permanent operating agreements between sponsors and States are now mandatory, reducing paperwork for all sponsors.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP-07-2011.pdf>

The limits on the number of sites and children that private non-profit organizations may serve have been expanded--now all sponsors may operate up to 200 sites and serve a total average daily attendance of up to 50,000 children.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP-07-2011.pdf>

Smaller sponsors may now use simplified contract procedures if their vendor contracts are under \$150,000.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SFSP13-2014os.pdf>



- **Waived restrictive Federal meal service requirements, giving sponsors flexibility in how and when they operate.**

Federal requirements for meal times were waived nationally, meaning sponsors have more flexibility to meet local needs.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP08%20SFSP08-2014os.pdf>

All sponsors now have the option to utilize 'offer versus serve' to lessen potential food waste and lower costs.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP08%20SFSP08-2014os.pdf>

Sponsors may now allow a child to take one fruit, vegetable, or grain item offsite for later consumption without prior State agency approval.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP08%20SFSP08-2014os.pdf>

- **Extended site eligibility options, meaning more locations may serve summer meals.**

Site locations owned by for-profit organizations can now be meal sites in some circumstances, meaning there are more options for where to serve meals to children.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SFSP-13-2011.pdf>

Census data now establishes eligibility for 5 years, reducing paperwork burdens.

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SP05_CACFP02_SFSP05-2014os.pdf

- **Collaborated with Tribal Organizations to ensure their participation is promoted in every State.**

Tribal governments are considered "local governments" for SFSP purposes. These Tribal governments may sponsor SFSP sites assuming other eligibility requirements are met.

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP18_SFSP14-2012.pdf



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- **Simplified response to disasters.**

FNS encourages SFSP sponsors to be prepared to serve children during disaster situations. Many program requirements may be waived when disaster strikes.

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CACFP18_SFSP14-2012.pdf

Sponsors and the general public should contact the appropriate State Agency for additional guidance. State agencies should contact their FNS Regional Office for additional guidance.

List of FNS Regional Offices: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns-regional-offices>

List of State Agencies: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Contacts/StateDirectory.htm>



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