

Welcome to the Summer Food Service Program!

Who wins with the SFSP? Everyone!

June, July and August should mean carefree, happy times for Missouri's children, but for many, these months can mean no access to the nutritious meals they receive during the regular school year through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is the single largest federal resource available for local sponsors who wish to either combine a feeding program with their summer activity program or just fill the gap and provide meals during the summer months.

Please join us in supporting the children in your community by becoming a sponsor, a site or volunteer.



SFSP ADMINISTRATION

The SFSP is administered at the Federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The FNS decides overall program policies and procedures and publishes regulations and payment rates.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services-Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance (MDHSS-BCFNA) administers the SFSP in Missouri.

CHILDREN get nutritious meals that they might not otherwise receive. They have more energy, less health problems and most sites offer activities.

PARENTS are able to stretch their food dollars and, therefore, are able to serve more nutritious meals at home. They count on the programs to provide their children with healthy meals in a supportive environment.

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS are able to have employment during the summer months.

ORGANIZATIONS receive federal money for meals served. There are chances for increased participation for your existing program when a meal is added.

COMMUNITIES can provide a safe place for children to meet new friends, learn and have fun.



TYPES OF SITES

YOUR SITE IS	IF	BASED ON
OPEN	50% or more children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals	Area eligibility date from the local school or census track data
ENROLLED	50% or more of the enrolled participants are eligible for free or reduced-price meals	Income eligibility forms listing the family's size and income verified by a sponsor representative
CAMP	Regular meals are offered as part of a residential or day camp program	An individual child's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meals
MIGRANT	Primarily serves children of migrant workers	Certification from a migrant organization
NYSP	A college or university participating in the National Youth Sports Program	A child's enrollment in NYSP

THINGS TO CONSIDER

1. Ease of getting to site/any safety issues?
2. Will you prepare or purchase meals?
3. Is the area a low-income area?
4. How will you determine eligibility?
5. Are there other programs in the area?

How Can I Help?

BECOME A SPONSOR

Are you an organization with the financial capabilities of administering the SFSP? Do you want to improve your community and the life of its children? If so, become a sponsor. Sponsors:

- Locate eligible sites
- Monitor sites
- Hire, train and supervise site staff
- Arrange for meal preparation/delivery
- Maintain records
- File claim for reimbursement/distribute funds

BECOME A SITE

Do you have the capabilities of supervising a meal service? Do you have a summer program but can't afford to serve meals too? If so, become a site. Site staff:

- Attend the sponsor's training
- Supervise the meal service
- Maintain daily records
- Store food appropriately
- Maintain a healthy environment
- Communicate with the sponsor for meal adjustment when attendance fluctuates

The types or organizations that are eligible to sponsor the SFSP are:

- Public or private schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program
- Local, municipal, county or state government entities
- Private nonprofit organizations
- Public or private nonprofit camps
- Public or private nonprofit universities/colleges

BECOME A VENDOR

Do you have a kitchen and food service staff? If so, become a vendor. Vendors:

- Abide by the contract with the sponsor
- Meet applicable health/safety standards
- Deliver meals to the site
- Maintain production records/delivery receipts

VOLUNTEER

Don't have the capabilities of administering or supervising the SFSP? You can volunteer at a site near you. Volunteers can:

- Help serve meals, cook, supervise children, assist in organized activities, chaperone field trips, etc.
- Let a site use your kitchen, building or land.
- Provide resources to the site, such as materials, transportation and prizes/giveaways (great way to advertise your business).
- Provide financial support. Private nonprofit sponsors need assistance to maintain their existing programs.

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When School is Out!*



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