



**Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) vs. Seamless Summer Option (SSO)  
Office of Nutrition  
2024**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>SFSP</b>	<b>SSO</b>
Contract or Application Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online annual application</li> <li>Administrative and operational budget approval required</li> <li>SFA's may be exempt from needing a budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online annual application</li> <li>Budget not required</li> </ul>
Eligible Meal Types	Breakfast, lunch, snack, supper	Breakfast, lunch, snack, supper
Maximum Number of Meals per child, per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two meals available</li> <li>Three meals available for camps/migrant sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two meals available</li> <li>Three meals available for camps/migrant sites</li> </ul>
Meal Pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meal pattern must meet 7 CFR 225.16 (d) standards.</li> <li>School districts may use NSLP/SBP meal patterns</li> <li>School districts may use offer vs. serve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal patterns</li> <li>Snack meal pattern</li> <li>May allow offer vs. serve</li> </ul>
Meal Counting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At point of service</li> <li>Can claim 2% of second meals served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At point of service</li> <li>Only first meals may be claimed</li> </ul>
Reimbursement Rates	<p>Rural/Self Prep: Breakfast: \$2.9775 Lunch: \$5.2125 Snack: \$1.235</p> <p>All Other Sites: Breakfast: \$2.9225 Lunch: \$5.13 Snack: \$1.205</p>	<p>Breakfast: \$2.28 Lunch: \$4.25 Snack: \$1.17</p> <p>Rates July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 Rates July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 TBA (Certification of Menu Compliance provides an additional \$0.08 cents per meal for non-severe need and severe need.)</p>
Severe Need Rates	Not applicable	<p>Breakfast: \$2.73 Lunch: \$4.27 Snack: \$1.17</p>

USDA Foods	1.5 cents USDA Food per meal	May use regular school-year USDA Foods. \$0.45 USDA Foods dollars earned for each lunch served.
Monitoring Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-operational monitoring visit</li> <li>• Initial sponsor visit in the first two weeks of operation for new sites, and sites with operational problems in the prior year</li> <li>• Food service review within the first four weeks of operation</li> <li>• Food service reviews may occur at the same time as the sponsor site visit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single review within four weeks of start of operations</li> </ul>
Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By area (at least 50 percent of children at the school qualify for FRP meals or the site is located in an area where at least 50% of the children qualify for FRP through census data)</li> <li>• By enrollment (at least 50 percent of the children enrolled in summer program qualify for free/reduced-price meals)</li> </ul>	Same
Eligible Participants	Children in low-income areas 18 years of age or younger, and those persons with disabilities age 18 or older who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled	Same

Public Notification	Public media notice required regarding program and eligibility. The Office of Nutrition issues an annual media release on behalf of SFSP sponsors.	No public notification required, but sponsor must advertise sites to community
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School district required to train program staff annually</li> <li>• Annual online SFSP training required.</li> </ul>	School district encouraged to conduct NSLP/SBP training of local staff, but not required
Rural Non Congregate Option	Eligible  Deadline to submit Rural Non Congregate Application Addendum is 10 days prior to first operating day or June 15, whichever is earlier.	Eligible  Deadline to submit Rural Non Congregate Application Addendum is 10 days prior to first operating day or June 15, whichever is earlier.

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