



**Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) vs. Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
Office of Nutrition
2023**

Topic	SFSP	SSO
Contract or Application Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online annual application Administrative and operational budget approval required SFA's are exempt from needing a budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online annual application Budget not required
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"> Two meals available Three meals available for camps/migrant sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two meals available Three meals available for camps/migrant sites
Meal Pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meal pattern must meet 7 CFR 225.16 (d) standards. School districts may use NSLP/SBP meal patterns School districts may use offer vs. serve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal patterns Snack meal pattern May allow offer vs. serve
Meal Counting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At point of service Can claim 2% of second meals served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At point of service Only first meals may be claimed
Reimbursement Rates	<p>Rural/Self Prep: Breakfast: \$2.605 Lunch: \$4.5625 Snack: \$1.0775</p> <p>All Other Sites: Breakfast: \$2.5550 Lunch: \$4.4875 Snack: \$1.0525</p>	<p>Breakfast: \$2.26 Lunch: \$4.33 Snack: \$1.08</p> <p>Rates July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 Rates July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 TBA</p>
Severe Need Rates	Not applicable	<p>Breakfast: \$2.67 Lunch: \$4.35 Snack: \$1.08</p>

USDA Foods	1.5 cents USDA Food per meal	May use regular school-year USDA Foods. USDA Foods dollars earned for each lunch served.
Monitoring Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-operational monitoring visit • Initial sponsor visit in the first two weeks of operation for new sites, and sites with operational problems in the prior year • Food service review within the first four weeks of operation • Food service reviews may occur at the same time as the sponsor site visit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single review within four weeks of start of operations
Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • By enrollment (at least 50 percent of the children enrolled in summer program qualify for free/reduced-price meals) 	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">• School district required to train program staff annually• Annual online SFSP training required.	School district encouraged to conduct NSLP/SBP training of local staff, but not required
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