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BULLETIN NO. 014-24 CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Food Service Directors
Potential Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Summer Food Service Program New Sponsor Application Materials

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this bulletin is to release the 2024 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) application for new sponsors during traditional summer operation. The SFSP is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Program that provides reimbursement to program sponsors for meals and snacks served to children during the summer months. For general information about the program, visit the [SFSP webpages](#). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the SFSP is 10.559.

[RCW 28A.235.160\(4\)](#) requires school districts offering academic, enrichment, or remedial programs during the summer months at qualifying sites to operate a meal program. Qualifying sites are defined as schools that have 50% or more of the children enrolled during the regular school year who qualify for free and reduced-price meals. School districts intending to operate the SFSP or the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) at a site where an academic summer school program is in session must ensure the meal service is open to children in the community as well

as summer school children. A school district that wishes to only provide meals to students enrolled in an academic summer school program cannot participate in the SFSP or SSO.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The following types of organizations may be a SFSP sponsor

- Public or private nonprofit schools
- Educational service districts
- Units of local, municipal, county, or state governments
- Tribal organizations
- Public or private nonprofit residential or nonresidential summer camps
- Public or private nonprofit colleges or universities sponsoring the Upward Bound Program
- Private nonprofit organizations

WHICH APPLICATION PROCESS TO FOLLOW

There are two (2) bulletins outlining the SFSP application process. Please ensure to follow the instructions of the correct bulletin.

- *B014-24: SFSP Application for New Sponsors*– Follow the process outlined in this bulletin if your organization has never operated SFSP or did not operate SFSP in Summer 2023.
- *B015-24: SFSP Application for Returning Sponsors*– Follow the process outlined in this bulletin if your organization operated SFSP in Summer 2023.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – NEW SPONSORS

The application process for new sponsors of USDA Child Nutrition Programs has multiple steps. We recommend you start the process several months prior to when you wish to begin serving meals and claiming reimbursement. A Preapproval Visit must also be completed by OSPI once the application has been submitted and before final approval. The SFSP application process for new sponsors includes the following:

1. Training

New sponsors must complete SFSP New Sponsor Training requirements to participate in the program. The information provided will assist in administering and operating the SFSP.

Training requirements and information is located on the [SFSP Training webpage](#) under the 'New Sponsor Training' dropdown, in addition to the attached Application Checklist.

2. Program Application

The *Summer Food Service Program Application Information for New Sponsors (Attachment 1)* provides descriptions about program information you will need to complete the application process.

a. Application Checklist

Use the '*Checklist for Sponsors Intending to Operate SFSP in Summer 2024*' (*Attachment 2*) to assist with gathering required information. Once all required steps are completed, submit the documentation listed in the SFSP checklist via the [2024 Application Submission Survey](#).

b. WINS Application

- i. Complete the online application in the Washington Integrated Nutrition System (WINS). WINS is an online system used to collect sponsor and site information, and to process claims for reimbursement. Organizations not participating in another Child Nutrition Program must designate a "WINS Sponsor Administrator" by signing and submitting the [WINS Access Rights/User Authorization form](#).
- ii. Once the authorization is processed, the sponsor administrator will receive an email from noreply.WINS@k12.wa.us with a username and link to the WINS sign-on webpage.
- iii. Organizations already participating in a Child Nutrition Program such as the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), need to contact their WINS sponsor administrator to gain access to SFSP in WINS.
- iv. Staff Contact information must be entered or updated when completing the sponsor application.
 1. The [Updating Sponsor Contacts Information Sheet](#) is available in WINS.
- v. Detailed resources and training videos on how to navigate in WINS are available on the [Child Nutrition Services \(CNS\) WINS webpage](#).

c. Preapproval Visit

Preapproval to operate is required for the SFSP. New sponsors must have a preapproval visit conducted by OSPI prior to application approval.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

The state deadline for application submissions is **June 1, 2024**. Regulations require State agencies to process complete and correct applications within 30 days of the submission date. Meals served prior to application approval cannot be claimed for reimbursement. Applications received after the federal deadline June 15, 2024, will not be accepted.

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For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Jessica Condrón, Director, Summer Food Service Program and Special Projects at 360-810-0440 or email summermeals@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins and Memos](#) page of the OSPI website.

If you would like a printed copy of this bulletin or required application materials, please email summermeals@k12.wa.us or call 360-725-6200.

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Attachment 1: Summer Food Service Program Application Information for New Sponsors

Attachment 2: Checklist for Sponsors Intending to Operate SFSP in Summer 2024

Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance

The Sponsor hereby agrees that it will comply with: i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.); ii. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); v. Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189); vi. Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." (August 11, 2000); vii. All provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7 CFR Part 15 et seq.); viii. Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines (28 CFR Parts 35, 42 and 50.3); ix. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directives and guidelines to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement. x. The USDA non-discrimination statement that in accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants, and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant, or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food, and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.

By accepting this assurance, the Sponsor agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit records and reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review and copy such records, books, and accounts, access such facilities and interview such personnel as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Sponsor, its successors, transferees and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA.

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