Minnesota Department of Education

Food and Nutrition Service
Summer Food Service Program
Fact Sheet 2015

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides cash reimbursement for meals served at eligible sites when school is out for the summer. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Food and Nutrition Service.

Benefits

- Children receive free, nutritious meals.
- Organizations receive meal reimbursement.
- Helps families stretch budgets. Reduces demand on food shelves. Children return to school ready to learn.
- Education and recreation activities reduce summer weight gain and the learning gap.

Who Can be a Sponsor?

The SFSP relies on local organizations to sponsors sites and manage the meal service and program activities. Organizations that that are eligible to sponsor a program include:

- Public or private nonprofit schools.
- Public or private nonprofit summer camps.
- Private, nonprofit organizations.
- Units of local government, tribal or migrant organizations, and colleges or universities.

What is a Site?

Sites are the location where meals are served. Sites can be classified as camps, open, closed enrolled or migrant. Sponsors must be able to show they are eligible.

Determining Site Eligibility

Area Eligible

- At least 50 percent of the students enrolled in the local public school are eligible for free/reduced-price meals.

Census Eligible

- Census data identifies the area as low-income.

Other Data

- Household Income Statement.
- Local school district determination.
- Public housing data.
- Native American certification.

Who Can Participate?

Children 18 and under or individuals 19 and over with state-defined mental or physical disabilities who participate in school programs.

How are Sponsors Reimbursed?

Sponsors receive reimbursement based on the number of eligible meals served. Reimbursement is paid after a monthly claim is submitted. Rates are set by the USDA.

2015 SFSP Reimbursement Rates

	Rural and/or Self-prep	Urban & Vended
Breakfast	$2.0775	$2.0375
Lunch/Supper	$3.6450	$3.5875
Snack	$0.8650	$0.8450

Are There Meal Requirements?

Sponsors purchase or prepare meals to be served to children at sites. Most sites serve up to two meals a day: breakfast, lunch/supper or snack.

All meals must meet USDA meal pattern requirements All meals must meet USDA meal pattern requirements for food groups and portion size.

For More Information

Visit the SFSP web page:

http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/SFSP/index.html

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