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SFSP Application Due May 5th!

SFSP Applications are due May 5th. Below are several important resources to help you through the Process if you haven't started!

- [2023 Application Process](#)
- [2023 SFSP Application Manual](#)
- [2023 Application Process Webinar](#)
- [2023 SFSP Requirements & Deadlines](#)

Rural Non-Congregate Meal Service Update from USDA



On April 20, 2023, USDA released Policy Memo SFSP 07-2023, SP 14-2023, Questions and Answers #2: Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas. This memorandum provides further guidance on the administration and operation of non-congregate meal service in rural areas during summer 2023 for the Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option. Sponsors providing meals in rural areas interested in learning more about non-congregate meal service should review the Implementation Guidance, Questions & Answers, and the Rural Non-Congregate Meal Service Option Instructions located under the Rural Non-Congregate Meal section on the SFSP Materials & Resources Page.

Final Rule Implementation Date Waiver Approval

DPI has received a waiver to delay the implementation date of the Final Rule. The portion that will be delayed for Wisconsin SFSP Sponsors is the new regulation that prevented non-SFA sponsors from using Offer Versus Serve provision. Therefore, for 2023, non-SFA sponsors may continue to implement the Offer Versus Serve provision that is approved in their application.

SFSP USDA Policy Memos Released

SFSP 03-2023 Guidance on Performance Standards, Budgets and Management Plans in the SFSP. Issued 3/3/2023.

SFSP 04-2023 UEI Transition - Required for all program operators who receive payments from State Agencies who administer the Child Nutrition Programs. Issued 3/20/23.

[SFSP 05-2023](#) Best Practices for Meal Claim Verification and Ensuring Properly Payable Claims in the Summer Food Service Program. Issued 4/3/23.

SFSP 06-2023 Oversight and Monitoring of the SFSP Guidance on On-site and Off-site Strategies and Options SA and Local operators. Issued 4/6/2023.

Training Requirements & Resources



All Sponsor staff and volunteers working with the SFSP are required to train on their specific SFSP responsibilities, annually. This training **MUST** be completed prior to the first day of operation. DPI has many resources to assist in training staff and volunteers, located on the SFSP Training Page:

- SFSP E-Learning Course
- E-Learning for Marketing your SFSP
- Civil Rights Training for the Summer Food Service Program (through DPI and the Institute of Child Nutrition - ICN), and
- Other Best Practice training modules from ICN.

Remember, training must be documented with an agenda and sign-in sheet, or you may wish to use the SFSP Training Documentation Form. The SFSP E-Learning Course provides a certificate at the end of each lesson. Although these are all great resources, it is necessary for sponsors to review details of your specific operation with staff and volunteers, as well.

SFSP Outreach Materials & Summer Meals Promotion



DPI has a number of outreach materials available to order free of charge to help promote summer meals in your community. All resources remain available with the exception of vehicle magnets. Use the Outreach Order Form to place your orders soon! In addition to print materials, remember to register your open sites with Wisconsin 2-1-1. DPI will begin providing open site information from approved site applications to the Summer Meals Site Finder, in early June.

The information contained in this Bulletin is also located on the [SFSP website](#). Questions may be directed to your [assigned SFSP consultant](#) or sent to sfsp@dpi.wi.gov.



Program Abbreviation/Definition Key

- SFA=School Food Authority
- SSO=Seamless Summer Option
- SFSP=Summer Food Service Program

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