



Food That's In When School Is Out!

Summer Food Service Program

What is SFSP?

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides breakfast, lunch, and/or snacks to children in at-risk areas during the summer months when children do not have access to free or reduced-price lunches at school.

Community organizations serve the meals at schools, churches, parks, swimming pools, YMCA facilities, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other spots where children gather when school is not in session.

How does SFSP work?

SFSP reimburses participating sponsors for serving nutritious meals. SFSP is administered at the federal level by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, and at the state level by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance.

Who is eligible for SFSP?

All children and teens (age 18 and under) who visit an approved SFSP feeding site can receive meals at no cost. No registrations or applications are required. Meals are also available for people with disabilities who are over age 18 and participate in school programs for the mentally or physically disabled.

How do I get involved?

Become a Sponsor

Are you an organization with the financial capabilities of administering the SFSP? Do you want to improve your community and the life of its children? If so, become a sponsor.

Sponsors:

- Locate eligible sites.
- Monitor sites.
- Hire, train, and supervise site staff.
- Arrange for meal preparation or delivery.
- Maintain records.
- File claims for reimbursement or distribute funds.

Be a Volunteer

Don't have the capabilities of administering or supervising the SFSP? You can volunteer at a site near you.

Volunteers can:

- Help serve meals.
- Cook.
- Supervise children.
- Assist in organized activities.
- Chaperone field trips.
- Let a site use your kitchen, building, or land.
- Provide resources to the site, such as materials, transportation, and prizes/giveaways.
- Provide financial support. Private nonprofit sponsors need assistance to maintain their existing programs.

Become a Site

Do you have the capabilities of supervising a meal service? Do you have a summer program but can't afford to serve meals? If so, become an SFSP site.

Site staff:

- Attend the sponsor's training.
- Supervise the meal service.
- Maintain daily records.
- Store food appropriately.
- Maintain a healthy environment.
- Communicate with the sponsor for meal adjustments when attendance fluctuates.



The types of organizations that are eligible to sponsor the SFSP are:

- Public or private schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- Local, municipal, county, or state government entities.
- Private nonprofit organizations.
- Public or private nonprofit camps.
- Public or private nonprofit universities or colleges.

Where can I find an SFSP meal?

An online interactive map is provided to help low income families in Missouri find where their children can receive free meals for the summer. The map and more information about the SFSP can be found at www.health.mo.gov/sfsp/. The map can be searched by city, county, or zip code. Summer meal sites in the area can also be found by **texting the phrase "Summer Meals" to 97779**.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program:

Visit our **web site** at: <http://health.mo.gov/sfsp> **E-mail** questions to: sfsp@health.mo.gov

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