



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

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Subject: USDA Policy Memos and Information

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. [SFSP 20-2014](#) – 2014 Edition of *Eligibility Manual for School Meals*

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

- SFSP Sponsor FY14 Exit Survey
- Summer Sunshine Awards

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. SFSP 20-2014 – **2014 Edition of *Eligibility Manual for School Meals*** This memorandum discusses the new version of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals, which replaces the August 2013 manual and incorporates clarifications requested by State agencies and FNS regional offices as well as applicable guidance issued since the last revision. Major changes and clarifications are highlighted throughout the manual. An un-highlighted and highlighted version of the eligibility manual will be available online. Consistent with previous years, the highlighted version will be removed after three months and the un-highlighted version will remain available for use.

This manual mainly pertains to those SFSPs whose sites are required to take income applications, such as camps and closed-enrolled sites.

Additional Topics

- **SFSP Sponsor FY14 Exit Survey** This survey is intended to help the State Agency gather information about barriers, success stories, best practices, and our service to Sponsors throughout the SFSP season. Please complete the online survey as soon as possible by visiting this web URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XBQGTG7>

This survey will help the State Agency provide technical assistance, training, resources, and general program support in areas that sponsors in Alaska feel could use improvement. We greatly appreciate your time and information with this matter!

- **Summer Sunshine Awards** The USDA Summer Sunshine Awards acknowledge the outstanding achievements and hard work involved throughout the Western Region states in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO). For summer 2014, nominations for sponsors will be accepted under one of the four categories:
 1. Program Expansion in Local Communities
 2. Successful Community Partnerships
 3. Reaching Rural and Underserved Communities
 4. Strategies to Promote Nutrition and Wellness

All sponsors operating the SFSP or NSLP Seamless Summer Option are eligible for nomination or application for a 2014 Summer Sunshine Award. To nominate a sponsor or to apply for a 2014 Summer Sunshine Award, complete the attached application packet and submit to Alaska CNP, ATTN: Alicia Stephens, by **Monday, September 15, 2014**.

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
WRO – Western Region Office
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
SA – State Agency
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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