



Summer Food Service Program



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USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

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

1. [SFSP16-2016](#) – Using Federal Funds to Support FoodCorps Service Members
2. [SFSP17-2016](#) – 2016 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals

Additional Topics:

- Summer Sunshine Awards
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

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-16 ***Using Federal Funds to Support FoodCorps Service Members***
This memorandum clarifies how state agencies and school food authorities can use federal funds to support FoodCorps service members. Serving alongside educators and community leaders, FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps service members that partner with schools to provide food and nutrition education, hands-on activities like gardening and cooking, and support for serving local products in Child Nutrition Programs. FoodCorps is partially funded by AmeriCorps which is operated by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
2. SFSP-17 ***State Agency Prior Approval Process for SFA Equipment Purchases***
The School Year 2016-2017 version of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals has been released and can be found [here](#). The manual provides comprehensive information on Federal requirements, policies, and procedures, and is intended to help State agencies and local educational agencies accurately determine, certify, and verify children's eligibility for free and reduced price school meals and free milk.

This revised version incorporates clarifications requested by State agencies and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Regional Offices, as well as applicable guidance issued since the last revision in July 2015. Notable changes are highlighted throughout the manual. Formatting changes, which are significant in this version will be removed after three months and the un-highlighted version will remain available for use.

Additional Topics

- **Summer Sunshine Awards**

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Western Regional Office is pleased to release nomination materials for the 2016 Western Region Summer Sunshine Awards. This year's awards will recognize sponsors and partners who show extraordinary efforts in contributing to the success of summer meals programs for children and teens.

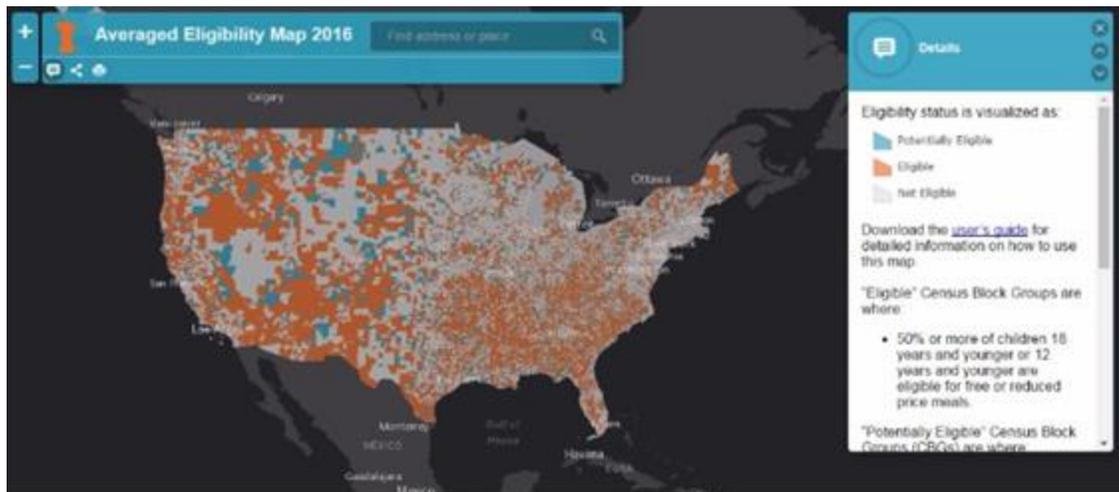
The 2016 Western Region Summer Sunshine Award categories for sponsor nominations are:

1. Successful and Innovative Community Partnerships
2. Reaching Rural, Tribal and/or Underserved Communities
3. Providing Enrichment Activities
4. Bringing the Farm to Summer Meals
5. Strategies to Improve Meal Quality

Attached is the application package containing detailed information on the award categories, eligible nominees for each category, and the entry forms. For information on last year's awardees, please see the USDA blog post published [here](#).

- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- No Kid Hungry – New Tool: Averaged Eligibility Map, **Wednesday, August 24th, 11:00AM**
Need help figuring out if a CACFP day care home is area eligible according to USDA's averaging policy? Use Share Our Strength's new Averaged Eligibility Map! Developed in collaboration with Esri, this map will show you if the site's census block group meets the 50% free and reduced price eligibility threshold when averaged with adjacent block groups. Join us for this informative webinar to walk you through how to use the map and user's guide, and how to use the data from the map to get formal approval from your state agency that your day care home is area eligible. This webinar is oriented to a CACFP child care audience, but all of the information that will be covered will also apply to summer meals sponsors and advocates. Anyone with an interest in either CACFP child care or summer meals is welcome to join. Click [here](#) to register.



- FRAC – Healthcare Partnerships, **Thursday, September 1st at 9:00AM**
Healthcare providers can play an important role in connecting children to healthy meals when the school year ends through the Summer Nutrition Programs. Hear from advocates and sponsors on innovative ways to serve meals at clinics and hospitals, as well as approaches to provide health services at summer meal sites. Click [here](#) to register.

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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
EED – Education & Early Development
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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