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| **Topic** | **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** | **Seamless Summer Option (SSO)** | **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** |
| **Establishing Site Eligibility** | The school in the service area is at or above 50% free and reduced eligible based on the most recent ED534 report.If the school is below 50% free and reduced eligible based on the most recent ED534 report, but the site is currently in the pink census track area according to the USDA map, then the service area qualifies. Map: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/area-eligibility>.For CEP Schools: Individual school data is obtained by multiplying the most current school-level identified student percentage by a factor of 1.6. Enrolled Sites: 50% or more of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, determined by approved free/reduced application, or operate in an eligible area (academic summer school must be an open site if eligible). Camps: Offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children. Migrant sites: Certification by a migrant organization that the sites serve children of migrant farm workers.  | This is for School Food Authorities only. Eligibility is established the same as SFSP. | This is for School Food Authorities only.This is for enrolled academic summer school students. This is an option for sites that do not meet area eligibility requirements for SFSP or SSO.For public schools or 60/40 schools, meals served through NSLP are served to children at no charge through the State of Maine No Charge Meals law.  |
| **Application Process** | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) through the SFSP section. Contact [Child Nutrition](https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/resources/contact) at the DOE for guidance. Eligible sites can be added any time.Deadline: April 21 for USDA commodities; June 2 final deadline | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) through the SNP section.Part of the NSLP application in SNP. Must contact [Child Nutrition](https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/resources/contact) at the DOE for guidance and express interest in applying. Deadline: June 15  | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) through the SNP section.This application can be for the entire upcoming year. Must contact [Child Nutrition](https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/resources/contact) at the DOE for guidance and express interest in applying. Deadline: June 15  |
| **Meal Pattern** | [SFSP Meal Pattern](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/SummerMealPatternsummary_2.pdf)OVS is allowed for SFAs | [SBP](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/school-breakfast-meal-pattern-charts-2022_1.pdf)/[NSLP](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/nslpmealpattern2018.pdf)/[Afterschool Snack](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/AfterSchoolSnackService%20Quick%20Guide.docx.pdf) OVS is allowed | [SBP](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/school-breakfast-meal-pattern-charts-2022_1.pdf)/[NSLP](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/nslpmealpattern2018.pdf)/[Afterschool Snack](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/AfterSchoolSnackService%20Quick%20Guide.docx.pdf) OVS is allowed |
| **Number and Types of Meals** | Up to 2 meal types per day except lunch and supper combined. Up to 3 meal types per day for migrant sites and camps. Types: Breakfast, lunch, snack (AM or PM), supper | Same as SFSP | Same as NSLP (Breakfast, Lunch, and Afterschool Snack can be served if approved).  |
| **Reimbursement** | All meals served to children 18 and under in eligible areas can be claimed. SFSP rates <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/sfsp> SFSP rates are effective January –December  | SBP/NSLP/Snack free rates for breakfast, lunch, and snack.SBP/NSLP/Snack rates<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/financial/guidelines>Rates are effective July – June  | Meals are claimed by individual status (Free/Reduced/Paid). SBP/NSLP/Snack rates<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/financial/guidelines> Rates are effective July – June |
| **Meal Service Locations** | Schools, Camps, Churches, Community Centers, Housing Projects, Libraries, Migrant Centers, parks, Playgrounds, Pools, and Other public sites where children gather. | Same as SFSP | Schools, Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) |
| **Eligible Participants** | Anyone 18 or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, as defined by the State.  | Same as SFSP  | Students must be enrolled in academic summer school. |
| **Accountability** | Tick sheet method unless a camp/Upward Bound or have a conditional non-congregate site. Each site must have one tick sheet per day per meal served. Make sure sheets are dated and labeled with meal type and service time. Accountability by name for camp/Upward Bound or conditional non-congregate sites. Must have monthly consolidated meal counts and save documentation.  | Same as SFSP | Current school year meal benefit applications if applicable. Point of Service accountability by student.Meals claimed by individual status (Free/Reduced/Paid). Save eligibility and Point of Service documentation.If CEP/SP 2 continue the school year accountability process.  |
| **Claims for Reimbursement** | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) under the SFSP Module. | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) under the SNP Module. | In [CNPweb](https://me.cnpus.com/cnp/Login) under the SNP Module. |
| **Commodities** | 1.5 cents per meal for sponsors and self-prep sites.May also receive bonus commodities, as available. | Same as NSLP  | 45 cents per meal (SY 2025) May also receive bonus commodities as available. |
| **Sponsor Level Site Monitoring** | Pre-operational visit form for new sites or sites with operational problems.First two-week site visit form for new sites or sites with operational problems. \*Four-week site monitoring form\*\* These can done at the same time within the first two-weeks. | Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern compliance at least once during each site’s operation. | Onsite review of lunch counting and claiming system for each school by February 1st each year. |
| **State Agency Level Monitoring** | Review every 3 years; more frequently based on program size and prior problems identified by State Agency. | Administrative Reviews consistent with NSLP/SBP requirements. Must include one seamless site in an administrative review of the SFA participating in SSO. SSO site is reviewed during the summer before or after the AR.  | Administrative Reviews every 5 years; more frequently based on prior problems identified by State Agency.  |
| **Public Notification** | State Agency must send public media notice regarding program and eligibility. Sponsors are encouraged to complete the notification as well.  | Public media notice may be done but is not required.SFA must state in the NSLP SSO application how each site (excluding closed enrolled sites) will promote the availability of meals to children in the community. | SFA must send public media notice regarding program and letter of notice with an application to parents for all children in attendance at the school at the beginning of each school year. |
| **Rural Non-Congregate Meals** | Rural eligible sites with no congregate meal service available can apply for meals to go or delivered meals. Conditional non-congregate sites can operate in ineligible locations and claim meals for free/reduced households  | Non-congregate options are the same as SFSP. | Not available |