



THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAMS BRANCH

# SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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## What is The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)?

The SFSP provides cash reimbursement for meals served at eligible sites across the state of Maryland when school is not in session. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

## Benefits

- Free, nutritious meals for children
- Organizations receive cash reimbursement for meals
- Training and technical assistance, educational workshops, and other resources are available
- Children return to school in the fall ready to learn

## Eligible Program Sponsors

The SFSP relies upon local organizations to organize meal service. Organizations eligible to become SFSP sponsors include:

- Public or private nonprofit schools
- Public or private nonprofit residential summer camps
- National Youth Sports Program participants
- Private, nonprofit organizations

## Who Can Participate?

Children 18 and under at participating sites.

**To Start a Program or  
Find a Site Near You,  
Contact MSDE!**

## How are Sponsors Reimbursed?

Sponsors receive reimbursement based on the number of meals served. The rates are set by the USDA. All meals must meet certain nutrition requirements.

***Learn More!***

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