

**COMPARISON OF PROGRAMS - SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)  
VERSUS SEAMLESS SUMMER FEEDING WAIVER**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SFSP</b> (Workshop Registration Due January)	<b>SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION</b> (Application Due by May 15)
<b>Agreement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement taken with the State Department of Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement remains with State Department of Education</li> </ul>
<b>Duration of Approval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per state agreement and application requirement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Sponsors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools/SFAs</li> <li>• Local government agencies</li> <li>• Private nonprofit organizations</li> <li>• Universities or colleges</li> <li>• Community or faith-based organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools/SFAs</li> </ul>
<b>Types of Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Lunch/supper</li> <li>• Snack (supplement)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum Number of Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two</li> <li>• Any combination except lunch and supper</li> <li>• Three meals for residential camps and migrant sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as SFSP, except no residential camps</li> </ul>
<b>Commodities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFSP rate for each lunch or supper</li> <li>• May receive bonus commodities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP rate for lunch or supper</li> <li>• May receive bonus commodities</li> </ul>
<b>Reimbursement Rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFSP Operating and Administrative Rates apply (these are higher rates than the National School Lunch Program [NSLP]/School Breakfast Program [SBP]/After-School Snack Program [ASSP])</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSLP, SBP, and ASSP rates apply ) these are lower rates than SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring Required by School Food Authority (SFA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to perform preoperational visits before a site operates the summer program</li> <li>• Must visit all sites once during first week of operation (waived for experienced Sponsors that are SFA's)</li> <li>• Must review once during first four weeks of operation and then monitor at a REASONABLE level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review of meal counting, claiming, and meal pattern compliance within three weeks of start of operations</li> </ul>

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<b>Monitoring Required by State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject to review by State at least once every 3 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration Review (AR) every 5 years.</li> <li>At least one seamless site must be included in a AR of an SFA.</li> </ul>
<b>Type of Sites and How Eligibility is Determined</b>	<p><b>Open or Restricted-Open</b> - Based on 50 percent Free/Reduce-Price (F/R) enrollment of the attendance area of a school or census block-group data.</p> <p><b>Closed Enrolled</b> - 50 percent of children enrolled in needy or noneedy areas and are eligible for F/RP benefits.</p> <p><b>Residential Camps</b> - Only meals for children who qualify for F/RP benefits are reimbursed.</p>	<p><b>Open or Restricted-Open</b> - Same as SFSP</p> <p><b>Closed Enrolled</b> - Same eligibility criteria, except that must be located in noneedy areas only.</p> <p><b>Residential Camps</b> - Not eligible</p>
<b>Meal Pattern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May use SFSP or NSLP/SBP/ASSP menu-planning approach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use NSLP/SBP meal pattern requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children in low-income areas 18 years or younger, a person 21 years or older who meets the state definition of having a physical or mental disability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Public Notice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFA/Sponsor is required to send a public media notice regarding program and eligibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public media notice may be done, but it is not required.</li> <li>SFA must state how each site (excluding closed enrolled sites) will advertise availability of meals to the neighborhood community.</li> </ul>
<b>Weekend Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available with State agency Approval only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available with State agency approval only</li> </ul>
<b>Times of Operation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May - September for traditional school calendar areas</li> <li>October - April during unanticipated school closures (i.e., emergencies)</li> <li>During student vacations for schools on continuous year calendar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Service Locations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools</li> <li>Camps</li> <li>Libraries</li> <li>Churches</li> <li>Parks</li> <li>Pools</li> <li>Housing Projects</li> <li>Other public sites where children gather</li> <li>Playgrounds</li> <li>Migrant Centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as SFSP</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Cost for Children</b>	<p>All Meals are Free</p> <p>(Although camps are only reimbursed for children who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, camp sponsors may, and usually do, provide meals free of charge to all children)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as SFSP</li> </ul>