

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Application Instructions

School Nutrition Unit

Seamless Summer Option Information

- Sponsors participating in NSLP/SBP are eligible to apply for SSO
- Sponsors serve meals free of charge to children, 18 and under
- SSO is an option for year-round sites with vacation periods longer than 10 school days, traditional calendar sites May-September when school is not in session, or during unanticipated school closures.
- SFAs must follow the NSLP/SBP meal patterns

Getting Started

- Request system access via the New User Request form if you do not have a username and password.
- Login to the Colorado Nutrition Portal with your username and password.
- Sponsors operating additional programs will see colored tiles when they log in. Click on the blue, *School Nutrition Programs*, tile.
- Sponsors should have a completed sponsor application for SNP. Review the information submitted and update as needed. Reference the <u>SNP application instructions</u> for additional information.

Completing Site Applications

Select 'Seamless Summer Option,' below Site Applications.

Action	Form Name	Latest Version	Status
View Revise	Sponsor Application	Original	Approved
View Revise	 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schedule 	Original	Approved
Details	Checklist Summary		
Details	Attachment List		

Site Applications	Approved	Pending	Return for Correction	Denied	Withdrawn/ Closed	Error	Total Applications
School Nutrition Program	32	0	0	0	0	0	32
Seamless Summer Option	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Select 'Add Site Application,' Previously approved SNP sites should be listed here.
 - If any of your sites are **not** listed here and need to be added, or if any school site needs a name change, complete the <u>Site Request Form</u>. Once the site is added by CDE School Nutrition, you will be able to complete the site application.
- Select the SSO site to add to the application.
- Confirm Site Supervisor and Physical Address are correct. Verify the physical address.
- Type of Site and Eligibility
 - Question 10: Indicate the site type
 - Open: open to all children ages 0-18 in locations where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free/reduced price school meals.
 - Restricted Open: sites that meet the open site criteria, explained above, but are later restricted for safety, control, or security reasons.



- Closed Enrolled: limited to group of enrolled children ages 0-18; either area eligible or 50% of enrolled children qualify for free/reduced price meals
- Migrant: serving children of migrant families.
- Camp Site: residential or non-residential
 - If camp: select Residential or Non-residential
 - Indicate the source of documentation for individual children's eligibility
 - Select the projected number of children enrolled and the number of children eligible for free/reduced price meals
 - *Please note: Camp sites may **only** claim reimbursement for eligible children
- o Indicate site eligibility
 - School Data located within the attendance area of a school with a free and reduced percentage of 50% or above. Select the qualifying school site from the dropdown.
 - Census Data located in an area where at least 50% of are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Select 'Lookup Census Data' to populate the census tract number and block group number.
 - Income forms list the projected number of children enrolled and projected number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals. The projected number eligible must be at least 50%

Period of Operation

- Question 11: Select 'No,' unless the site truly operates on a year-round calendar.
- Question 12: Operational dates
 - Enter the SSO start and end dates.
 - You may only claim meals served for months selected in the application.
- Question 13: Operating days
 - Enter the number of operating days each month.
- Question 14: Field Trip dates
 - Indicate field trip dates when meals will be consumed offsite. Can be left blank.

Meal Participation

 Question 15: Indicate the meal type, estimated number of meals (this should be an average per day), and meal service times as shown below.

15. Check the meal type and service information:

Type of Mea to be Serve		Estimated Number to be Served			Time Meal Service Begins			Time Meal Service Ends	
Breakfast		300			8:00 AM	8:30 AM			
Days served:	Mon-Fri	Sun		✓ Tue	✓ Wed	√ Thu		Sat	
AM Snack									
Days served:	Mon-Fri	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	

Non-Congregate Meal Service Operation



- Question 16: Sponsors may be approved to provide non-congregate SSO meals by CDE School Nutrition based on rural designation, emergency situation/unanticipated closure waivers, or excessive heat or air quality waivers.
 - If approved, select 'Yes' to providing non-congregate meals and complete this section based on approved operations.
 - If not approved, select 'No' and move to the next section.

Meal Planning and Service

- Question 17-18: Answer based on meal operations
- Question 19: Point of Service
 - Sponsors will indicate the number of places where meals are served to children and counted for reimbursement. If a site implements meals in the classroom, this counts as 1 point of service. For example, if a site will provide meals in the cafeteria, meals in the classroom, and grab and go pick-up, the sponsor will indicate there are 3 points of service at that site.
 - Complete the Non-Traditional Point of Sale Request form only if you are unable to verify the meal is reimbursable at the point where it is counted.

Advertising

 Question 20: Sponsors are required to promote the availability of free meals for open sites. If operating an open site, indicate the dates and method for advertising.

Organization Liaison

- This is an optional field.
- Click the red Save, button. If there are errors, the system will identify them and provide the ability to make revisions.
- Click, 'Save,' and then, 'Finish'.

Submitting the Application

- Once you have reviewed the sponsor application and completed all SSO site applications, navigate back to the Application Packet screen. Click the red 'Submit for Approval,' button. Click 'Okay,'
- The following message will appear: The Application Packet is currently under review by the State and is unavailable for changes.
- Allow up to two weeks for CDE School Nutrition to approve the application and forms.