



National School Lunch Program (NSLP) - Afterschool Snack Service

Grants to USA Schools and Afterschool Programs to Provide Snacks During Afternoon Hours

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Description: Grants to USA and Territories schools and afterschool care programs to provide needy children with snack services during afternoon programming. This program offers cash reimbursements to programs in order to provide enrolled children a nutritional boost during afterschool activities.

The afterschool snack component of the National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted snack service that fills the afternoon hunger gap for school children. The snack service is administered at the Federal level by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. At the State level, it is administered by State agencies, which operate the snack service through agreements with local school food authorities (SFAs). SFAs are ultimately responsible for the administration of the snack service.

Participating SFAs receive cash subsidies from the USDA for each reimbursable snack they serve (up to one reimbursement per participant per day). In return, they must serve snacks that meet Federal requirements and must offer free or reduced price snacks to eligible children.

The Afterschool Snack Program is a federally assisted snack program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. The Afterschool Snack Program is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service. At the State level, the program is usually administered by State education agencies, which operate the program through agreements with local school food authorities in 25,978 schools and institutions.

The Afterschool Program operates similar to the National School Lunch Program. Generally, public or nonprofit private schools of high school grade or under and public or nonprofit private residential child care institutions may participate in the Afterschool Snack Program. School districts and independent schools that choose to take part in the snack program receive cash subsidies from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for each snack they serve. In return, they must serve snacks that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced price snacks to eligible children.

Afterschool snacks must contain at least two different components of the following four: a serving of fluid milk; a serving of meat or meat alternate; a serving of vegetables or fruits or full strength vegetable or fruit juice; a serving of whole grain or enriched bread or cereal.

Any child at a participating school may purchase a snack through the Afterschool Snack Program. If it is an area-eligible site all children receive a snack at no charge.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service Programs for Out-of-School-Time Providers:

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Component:

At-risk afterschool care programs must:

- Operate after school, on weekends, and/or holidays.
- Meet State or local care licensing requirements, or local health and safety standards.
- Provide regularly scheduled, organized activities that are educational or enriching (excluding organized athletic programs)
- Be located in a school attendance area where at least 50% of enrolled children are certified eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Eligible Children:

- Children age 18 or under (at start of school year).

Eligible Meals/Snacks per day:

- Up to 1 snack and 1 meal per child.

How Reimbursement is Provided:

- Program providers receive the “free” rate reimbursement for every meal or snack served to participating children. All snacks and meals must be provided free to every child.

CACFP Outside- School-Hours Care Component:

Outside-school-hours care programs must:

- Provide regularly scheduled child care services.
- Meet State or local child care licensing requirements, or local health and safety standards.
- Be distinct from any organized extracurricular programs for scholastics or athletics.

Eligible Children:

- Children age 12 or younger.

Eligible Meals and/or Snacks Per Day:

- Up to 2 meals and 1 snack per child.

How Reimbursement is Provided:

- Program providers receive the “free,” “reduced-price,” or “paid” rate for each meal or snack served to participating children depending on each child’s individual income.

Afterschool Care Snack Service through the NSLP:

NSLP afterschool care programs must:

- Be sponsored or operated by a school district.
- Be located in a jurisdiction where at least one school participates in NSLP.
- Organized athletic programs in interscholastic or community level competitive sports are ineligible.

Eligible Children:

-Children age 18 or under (at start of school year).

Eligible Meals and/or Snacks Per Day:

-1 snack when served on regular school days only (afterschool programs operating during weekends or school breaks are not eligible to receive reimbursements through this program).

How Reimbursement is Provided:

-Program providers receive the “free” rate for all snacks served in school attendance areas where at least 50% of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Programs not located in eligible areas receive the “free,” “reduced-price,” or “paid” rate depending on each child’s family income.

Summer Food Service Program**SFSP sites are eligible as Open, Enrolled, or Camps:**

- Open: located in a low-income area and eligible to serve free meals and snacks to all children in the community.
- Enrolled: serve only those children enrolled in the program. If at least 50% of the children enrolled are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, then reimbursement will be provided for free meals and snacks served to all of the enrolled children.
- Camps: only reimbursed for serving free meals and snacks to kids that are individually eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

Eligible Children:

-Children age 18 and under; and young adults with disabilities enrolled in educational programs.

Eligible Meals and/or Snacks Per Day:

-Generally up to 2 meals or 1 meal and 1 snack per child, with some exceptions depending on site type.

How Reimbursement is Provided:

-Reimbursement varies depending on open, enrolled, or camp site designations.

Full Description:**Eligibility:**

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

In order for a site to participate, a school district must run the National School Lunch Program and sponsor or operate an afterschool care program. This afterschool care program which must provide children with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment. Contact your State agency for further information regarding program eligibility. Both Area Eligible and non-Area Eligible sites can participate in the school-based Afterschool Snack Program.

A site is area eligible if it is located at a school or in the attendance area of a school where at least 50% of the enrolled children are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

School sites that are not area eligible must use a child’s free and reduced-price status to determine eligibility for the afterschool snack program. If an applicant’s eligibility status is not on file, the household must submit a free and reduced-price application to become eligible for free, or reduced price afterschool snacks. Children from families with

incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for free snacks. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price snacks. Children from families over 185 percent of poverty pay full price, though their snacks are still subsidized to some extent.

In order for the afterschool care program to be eligible, it must provide organized, regularly scheduled activities in a structured and supervised environment, including an educational or enrichment activity. Examples of eligible activities include homework assistance, tutoring, supervised "drop-in" athletic programs, extended day programs, drama activities, and arts and crafts programs. Organized interscholastic programs or community-level competitive sports are not eligible to participate.

Pre-Application Information: The NSLP Afterschool Snack Service is administered on the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Within individual states, it is administered by state agencies, which operate the snack service through agreements with local school food authorities (SFAs). SFAs are ultimately responsible for the administration of the snack service.

State agencies reimburse SFAs for snacks in accordance with the reimbursement rates prescribed by FNS.

The State agency must establish application procedures for interested SFAs and is responsible for determining whether SFAs meet participation requirements.

FAQ:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks-faqs>

Rates of Reimbursement:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement>

Contact Information: Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

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URL for Full Text (RFP): <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks>

Geographic Focus:

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