



Sunshine Awards

Summer 2009

What is the Award?

The *Summer Sunshine Awards* acknowledge the outstanding achievements and hard work involved throughout the Western Region states in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Awards:

- ⚙ encourage and acknowledge innovation, recognize improved meal quality, nutrition and reward increased access to eligible children
- ⚙ provide recognition to sponsors who have successfully implemented useful ideas
- ⚙ share good ideas with State agencies and SFSP sponsors in order to initiate improvements in the program nationwide

Who are eligible?

All sponsors operating both the SFSP and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option are eligible to apply or be nominated for the following categories:

1. **Integrating Nutrition Education and Physical Activities at Sites Award** will be presented to a sponsor(s) that combined nutrition education and physical activities into summer educational, recreation or enrichment programs at summer meal sites.
2. **Improving Nutritional Quality of Meals, increasing Fruits and Vegetables Consumption Award** will be presented to a sponsor(s) that worked to improve the nutritional value and quality of meals.
3. **Creating Appealing Meals and a Healthy Environment Award** will be presented to a sponsor(s) that worked to create meals that are both healthy and appealing to children.
4. **Service in Distinctive or Rural/Underserved Communities Award** will be presented to a sponsor(s) who started or expanded a summer meal program to a distinct population of children or challenging community, such as rural/underserved.

When are applications and nominations due?

The deadline is determined by your State Agency: *[State enter date here]*

Where can I get more Information?

Contact your local State Agency at *[enter phone number]* or visit *[enter website]*.

