

COLORADO Department of Education Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Application Instructions

School Nutrition Unit

Seamless Summer Option Information

- Sponsors participating in NSLP/SBP are eligible to apply for <u>SSO</u>
- 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 <u>New User Request form</u> if you do not have a username and password.
- Login to the <u>Colorado Nutrition Portal</u> 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 Nam	e		Late Vers	est ion Status				
View Revise	🗸 Sponsor Ap	plication		Origi	nal Approved	1			
View Revise	Community Schedule	Eligibility Pro	vision (CEP)	Origi	nal Approved	ł			
Details	Checklist S	ummary							
Details	Attachment	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Site Applications	Approved	Pending	Return for Correction	Denied	Withdrawn/ Closed	Error	Total Applications		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
 - <u>School Data</u> 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.
 - <u>Census Data</u> 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 Meal to be Served	s Est	imated Nu to be Serv	mber ed	Time Meal Service Begins			Time Meal Service Ends	
🥜 Breakfast		300			8:00 AM	8:30 AM		
Days served:	Mon-Fri	Sun	✓ Mon	🖉 Tue	✓ Wed	🖉 Thu	🖉 Fri	Sat
AM Snack								
Days served:	Mon-Fri	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	📄 Thu	📄 Fri	📄 Sat

• Non-Congregate Meal Service Operation

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



- 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 <u>Non-Traditional Point of Sale Request form</u> *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.