

New Hampshire Food Bank Summer Food Service Program



Interested in serving meals to kids in your community during the summer?

Here's what you need to get started:

1. Verify Your SFSP Eligibility

All programs must have their program eligibility verified by a food bank staff member before participating. Eligibility is determined through either Free and Reduced-Price Meal data or census tract data using the <u>Area Eligibility Mapper</u>.

If you find that your school/community is not on the map, please reach out to NHFB contacts - Tara or Elise to discuss options for participation given your community needs.

2. Contact NHFB prior to May 1, 2023 and provide requested site details (NHFB application) prior to NH DOE application deadline.

3. Identify your NHFB Partnership Eligibility

NHFB's mission is to ensure access and availability of summer meals to all children 18yo/under and encourage sites to offer this opportunity to anyone in the community. For that reason:

- 1. Will you be an *Open Site* (open site means that you are open to offering meals to anyone in the community or surrounding town that needs or wants to receive a meal)
- 2. If not an open site, must serve up to 20 children per day.

*If unsure of whether your site would be open or closed, contact NHFB contacts to discuss.

4. Fill out the New Hampshire Food Bank's SFSP Application

All new and returning programs/sites locations need to complete an application each year. <u>*Click here to apply now!*</u>

Upon Approval:

5. Attend Training (Mandatory)

All NHFB participating sites must have staff members/volunteers trained before the start of each summer regardless of previous participation.

SFSP trainings are primarily offered in late May and early June. Trainings are offered in-person, but online, via Zoom may be an option. Trainings are paid or stipends are provided and last up to 1.5 hours.

6. Advertise Your Program!

Help ensure your program's success by posting flyers, sharing on social media, or advertising to your community. NHFB will provide all necessary materials to spread the message.

To learn more about the SFSP program – download the program manual now!

For questions or more information, contact Tara Westenshiser <u>twestenhiser@nhfoodbank.org</u> or Elise Bolster <u>ebolster@nhfoodbank.org</u>.