



New Hampshire Food Bank SUN Meals & SUN Meals To-Go Programs



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

Here's what you need to get started:

1. Verify Your SUN Meals Eligibility

All programs must have their program eligibility verified by a NH Food Bank (NHFB) staff member before participating. Eligibility is determined through either Free and Reduced-Price Meal data or census tract data using the Area Eligibility Mapper at <https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/Averaged-Eligibility-Map> or <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/cf0be30456a54f84b8ebe12e89c9d78a/page/Back-to-the-Area-Eligibility-Map/>

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

2. Contact NHFB prior to **April 18, 2025** and provide requested site details (NHFB application) prior to NH DOE application deadline.

Fill out the New Hampshire Food Bank's SUN Meals Application

All new and returning programs/sites locations need to complete an application each year.

[Click here to apply now!](#)

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

1. Determine which type of site you will be running (see below for definitions of each site)*
2. If not an open site, must serve up to 20 children per day.

Open Sites: located in an area where >50% of children residing in the area are eligible for free or reduced priced school meals. Must make sure all students who want meals have access. Children eat on site.

Restricted Open Sites:** located in an area where >50% of children in the area receive free or reduced priced lunch. A site operating an open site that restricts or limits meal site's attendance for space, security, safety, or control reasons. Children eat on site.

Closed Enrolled Sites: identified low-income children are transported to a congregate meal location in an area with <50% eligible children. Closed enrolled sites include programs that provides recreational, cultural, religious, or other types of organized activities for a specific group of children. Children eat on site.

Rural Non-Congregate Feeding: Allowed only for Open Sites or Restricted Open. Allows children to pick up bulk meal boxes to eat at home.

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

***as of 2024 according to the NH Education Department, schools are not allowed to run restricted open sites. They must run open sites or closed enrolled sites.*

For questions or more information, contact Meredith Howe mhowe@nhfoodbank.org.