

MEET UP EAT UP™

Summer Food Service Program

Upcoming Events

Click the links for more information and registration.

SFSP Training

- April 18: [Grand Rapids](#)¹
 April 19: [Lansing](#)²
 May 1: [Flint](#)³
 May 3: [Lansing](#)⁴
 May 8: [Traverse City](#)⁵
 May 10: [Marquette](#)⁶
 May 17: [Lansing](#)⁷
 May 22: [Detroit, area sponsors only](#)⁸

Webinars

[What Cities Can Teach Us About Summer Meals](#)⁸
 Tuesday, April 17, 2018
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
 USDA, Food and Nutrition Service

[National Food Hub Survey](#)⁹
 Thursday, April 19, 2018
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST
 National Good Food Network

[Tuesday at 2: SFSP](#)¹⁰
 Tuesday, April 24, 2018
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
 MDE SFSP Team

[Boosting Your Budget- Summer Meals Financial Planning](#)¹¹
 Tuesday, May 15, 2018
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
 USDA, Food and Nutrition Service

SFSP Application in MEGS+

Sponsors Apply now!
[MEGS+ Login page](#)¹²

Contact SFSP!
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Congratulations Turnip the Beet Awardees!

Bridgman Public Schools	SILVER
Fenton Area Public Schools	SILVER
Food Bank of Eastern Michigan	SILVER
Kent City Schools	SILVER
Mattawan Consolidated Schools	SILVER
Monroe Family YMCA	SILVER
Montrose Community Schools	SILVER
Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency	SILVER
Oxford Community Schools	SILVER
Port Huron Schools	BRONZE
South Haven Public Schools	SILVER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) launched Turnip the Beet in 2016 and continued the award program for a second year in 2017. The award program recognizes Summer Food Service Program sponsors who are working hard to serve nutritious and appealing meals during the summer months. Three award levels (gold, silver, and bronze) were available, and nominations were evaluated based on a wide range of nutrition and meal quality criteria. Contact the SFSP team to learn about applying for 2018!



April Checklist

- ✓ **Initiate Application**
Tip: Start early, applications are reviewed and approved in the order received.
- ✓ **Recruit and Hire Staff**
Tip: College students often look for short term summer jobs and can bring fresh ideas to the program.
- ✓ **Rehire Staff**
Tip: Contact staff from previous summers for rehire.

Cooking Matters!

Is one of your SFSP sites looking for a way to do more in the community? Check out Cooking Matters for a nutrition-education program that connects low-income individuals and families with food by teaching them hands-on cooking and how to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget. Contact Jake Williams, Cooking Matters Manager at Gleaners Community Food Bank, for more information: jwilliams@gcfb.org, 313-923-3535 ext. 204

Kars4Kids Small Grant Program

Kars4Kids Small Grant Program helps children develop by supporting educational and youth development programs through grants ranging from \$500 - \$2,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but may take up to four months for Kars4Kids to make a final determination. To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

Ways to Help High School Grants

Ways to Help are calling on high school students (19 or younger) to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas. The proposed idea must be in one of the four categories: the environment, democracy and equality, health, or community issues. Applications are accepted on rolling basis, learn more and apply [here](#).

Lettuce Turnip the Beet!

All Summer Food Service Program sponsors in good standing are eligible for a Turnip the Beet award. Sponsors may nominate themselves or be nominated by another party. Though the nomination form is not yet available for 2018, start thinking about serving high quality summer meals now! Learn more [here](#).

Child Nutrition Program Food Crediting: USDA Seeks Public Input

USDA FNS is gathering feedback from a variety of stakeholders on FNS' food crediting system. The comment period has been extended to April 23rd. For more information and to comment, click [here](#).

Full Hyperlinks and References

The complete links are helpful for screen readers and printing.

- ¹ <https://sfspgrandrapidsapril18.eventbrite.com>
- ² <https://sfsplansingapril19.eventbrite.com>
- ³ <https://sfspflintmay1.eventbrite.com>
- ⁴ <https://sfsplansingmay3.eventbrite.com>
- ⁵ <https://sfsptraversecitymay8.eventbrite.com>
- ⁶ <https://sfspmarquettmay10.eventbrite.com>
- ⁷ <https://sfsplansingmay17.eventbrite.com>
- ⁸ <https://sfspuwsemmay22.eventbrite.com>
- ⁹ <https://goo.gl/kw3Afx>
- ¹⁰ <https://tuesday-at-2-summer-food-service-program.eventbrite.com/>
- ¹¹ <https://goo.gl/4AHtbx>
- ¹² <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPPlus>
- ¹³ <http://www.kars4kidsgrants.org>
- ¹⁴ <http://waystohelp.org/grants.php>
- ¹⁵ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>
- ¹⁶ https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FNS_FRDOC_0001-0614