



## Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

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#### Upcoming Deadline - Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards

Over the last year and a half, as part of a cooperative agreement to develop and implement the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Healthy Meals Incentives (HMI) Initiative, Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) has offered Recognition Awards to celebrate sponsors that have made significant improvements to the nutritional quality of their school meals. These Recognition Awards spotlight innovative practices, student and community engagement activities, and strategies that schools have used to provide meals that are consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Awards available include:

#### Trailblazer Award Series

- [Breakfast Trailblazer](#)
- [Small and/or Rural School Food Authority \(SFA\) Breakfast Trailblazer](#)
- [Lunch Trailblazer](#)
- [Small and/or Rural SFA Lunch Trailblazer](#)

#### Innovation Award Series

- [Innovative School Lunch Makeover](#)

- [Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals](#)
- [Innovation in Nutrition Education](#)

To learn more about this opportunity, register and attend the upcoming MDE webinar:

- **Topic:** Michigan HMI Recognition Awards Application Webinar
- **Date/Time:** 2:30pm EST on April 16, 2025.
- **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/4iaZWcg> (required)

Applications are being accepted by AFHK through **June 30, 2025**. [Start your application today!](#)

Before applying, sponsors must obtain a State Agency Letter of Support to disclose that any previous findings have been resolved (including corrective action), and there are no findings related to program discrimination within the past three years. Applicants can request this letter of support from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) via the [State Agency Letter of Support Request Form](#). Please note that it takes MDE one to two weeks to process this request, so if you plan to apply, please submit this form no later than **June 13, 2025**.

Questions about the Recognition Awards and application can be emailed to: [award@healthymealsincentives.org](mailto:award@healthymealsincentives.org).

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