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# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application SY 2023-2024

Due: May 22, 2023

Submit by email to:

FFVP@nysed.gov

# INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this application for each school (recipient agency) participating in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Please respond carefully and answer **all** questions. The answers will be used by SED to evaluate the application. The material should be organized, well-presented, complete, clear and concise. Carefully read the Guidance Manual before beginning the application process.

#### The application must be postmarked by May 22, 2023 and sent to: FFVP@nysed.gov

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

School Food Authority (SFA)	
Name	
LEA Code	
Recipient Agency (RA)/Site Name	
RA Code	
RA Street Address	
City, State, Zip	

#### SCHOOL DATA

Grade levels in	School Building (RA)	PK-6 Enrollment:	
the RA:	Enrollment:		
		We can only award PK-6 grade students in the RA you are	
		applying for. Please list the January 2023 enrollment	
		which should match the January 2023 submitted claim(s).	
Check meals	□ School Breakfast Program	National School Lunch Program	
offered:	🗆 Afterschool Snack Program	Extended Day Snack Program	
	□ Breakfast After the Bell	□ Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	
		CACFP At Risk Supper	
Current food	□ onsite/self-prep □ sat	tellite-prep	
preparation	□ satellite □ ve	nded	
method:			
Does the school use a food service management company?   Yes  No			
Will the school be using a vended meal service for the FFVP?			
If yes, specify the name of the vendor:			
If you are going to be using a vended meal service for any part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable			
program, you must submit a copy of the signed vendor contract between the SFA and the			
vendor.	.,		

# PLAN FOR IMPLENTATION

Describe the responsibilities of each person that will be involved in the FFVP. Please list who will be responsible for the following:

	Name and Title
Prepare the monthly menu	
Submit the monthly claim	
Complete the annual evaluation	
Purchase FFV	
Prepare the FFV	
Distribute the FFV	

# PROPOSAL NARATIVE

Describe briefly how the school plans to implement the program.

- a. Describe why the school is interested in the FFVP and how students will benefit from the program.
- b. How will the success of the FFVP be measured? Include efforts to integrate the FFVP with promoting sound health and nutrition, reducing obesity and promoting physical activity.

## c. How will the fresh fruits and vegetables be obtained/prepared for the school?

Check all that apply:	<ul> <li>prepared trays (through a grocery store or supplier)</li> <li>prepackaged, prepared individually portioned packages (produce supplier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>fruits and vegetables will be prepared by staff or volunteers</li> <li>other method (please describe)</li> </ul>

d. Where will fresh fruits and vegetables be served:

Check all	□ classrooms (trays and baskets)	□ hallways (kiosks, carts, stands)
that apply:	cafeteria outside of meal hours	

e. Indicate on the following chart how frequently the fresh fruit and vegetables will be offered and when the program will be available to students (it is mandatory to serve the FFV a minimum of twice per week):

Day	Time(s) of the Program
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

f. What plans/arrangements have been made by the principal/teachers to accommodate the FFVP during the school day?

g. Describe how the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables will be widely publicized to parents and students in the school.

# OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

a. What major barrier(s) to success are anticipated? How will major barrier(s) be addressed?

Barrier(s)	Solution(s)	

#### b. How do you plan to effectively manage the per student allocation of \$60 per student?

#### **PROJECTED COSTS**

a. Describe how labor costs will be managed by describing in detail the efforts that will be made to keep these costs to a minimum.

b. Describe how existing resources (building space and storage) will be used to implement the program. List any anticipated equipment purchases needed to operate the FFVP (carts, kiosks, tables, etc.).

c. Itemize the anticipated labor costs on the following chart

Projected labor hours per month:	Projected labor costs per month:
	Show breakdown:

# PARTNERSHIPS

a. Discuss partnership activities undertaken or planned that will assist your school in implementing the FFVP. Include organizations that will assist your school with fruit and vegetable acquisition, handling, promotion, distribution, nutrition education, and/or other activities that contribute to the goals of the FFVP.



#### **STAFFING INFORMATION**

Primary Contact Information. This should be the school food service director.			
Name/TitleE-mail AddressPhone Number			

Project/Site Manager Information. This is the person that will be involved in overseeing the<br/>preparation and distribution of the fruits and vegetables on a daily basis. This may be the<br/>same person as the Primary Contact.Name/TitleE-mail AddressPhone Number

## **Mandatory Requirements**

If the school is selected to participate in the FFVP for the 2023-2024 school year:

\_\_\_\_\_ What date will you begin the FFVP? You **MUST** begin serving the FFVP by the second full week that school is in session.

□Yes □No Will the school serve FFV during the school day and outside of meal service times?

 $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No Will the FFVP be served at a minimum of two days a week?

- □Yes □No FFVPs will be observed and regularly evaluated by NYSED, USDA, and others to determine the effectiveness of the program. Does the School Food Authority (SFA) agree to this requirement?
- □Yes □No If you are a nonpublic school and choose to participate in the FFVP you must be willing to undergo an agency wide audit. Any recipient that expends \$750,000 or more in Federal funds must conduct a Single Audit in accordance with A-133. The additional audit requirement may require you to reconsider your interest in applying for or accepting these funds. Do you agree to this audit?

# ASSURANCES (All four signatures are required)

The staff shown below (or equivalent positions for private schools or residential child care institutions) **MUST** sign the following assurances. **Please print legibly and provide all four signatures (preferably in blue ink).** 

I have reviewed this application and attest to the information provided. I have read and understand the guidelines of the program, and, if selected, agree to implement the program as outlined above and to implement the project in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). I agree to participate in any USDA-sponsored evaluations and to provide the information requested by the specified deadlines.

Project/Site Manager			
Name (Print)	Signature	Date	
School Principal			
Name (Print)	Signature	Date	
Food Service Director			
Name (Print)	Signature	Date	
School District Superintendent or Executive Director			
Name (Print)	Signature	Date	

# PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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 email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

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