

FARM TO SUMMER BEST PRACTICE AWARD

The **Farm to Summer Best Practice Award** will be presented to a SFSP or SSO sponsor who implemented Farm to Summer initiatives in their programs. Your nomination should detail all Farm to Summer related activities and demonstrate how Farm to Summer positively effected your program. This award is open to all eligible sponsors.

To apply for this award, please submit:

- An electronic [Summer Nutrition Award Intent Form](#) by **August 30**.
- A **PowerPoint presentation**, 3-5 slides, no more than 40 words per slide plus notes as needed. The presentation should give an overview of your Farm to Summer initiatives, including use of local foods and how they were procured, agricultural education activities and events, and Farm to Summer resources utilized.
- A **calendar** documenting Farm to Summer activities in your program including days local foods were served (in menu or in activities), agricultural education activities, special events, and outreach through social media or resources sent home with participants. The rubric on the next page details the calendar evaluation criteria.
- **Bonus: Supporting Documentation** relevant to your Farm to Summer programming. Supporting documentation could include but is not limited to news clips about the program, photos, testimonials, outreach and promotion materials, community statements, State Agency feedback, special events, activities at meal sites, etc.

See the rubric on the next page for the distribution of points and additional guidance in preparing your materials for submission.

For submission to any of the 2019 Summer Nutrition Champion Awards, please send the presentation and all attachments in ONE email to SummerNutritionProgram@dpi.nc.gov with the title "**2019 Summer Nutrition Champion Awards – Your Sponsor/Stakeholder Name**" in the subject line of the email. Label the documents and/or attachments with the title of the award you are entering and your sponsor/stakeholder title, **Ex. "Going the Distance Award – Banana County Schools"**.

All nominations should be submitted no later than Friday, September 13th by 5 PM.

Awardees might be asked to make a short presentation at the SummerPalooza! within or outside their geographic area. Further information regarding the presentation content will be provided to awardees. The Summer Nutrition Champion nominees will be judged by an independent party outside of the NCDPI School Nutrition Staff.

For questions, please email mccamy.holloway@dpi.nc.gov.

Thank you and good luck!



Farm to Summer Best Practice Rubric

Presentation Components (up to 6 points)	0 points (Sponsor does not describe this topic)	1 point (Sponsor provides moderate explanation)	2 points (Sponsor provides detailed explanation and provides multiple examples)	Total Points
Educational enrichment activities centered around local food and agriculture				
Incorporation and procurement of local foods				
Use of Farm to Summer resources				

Farm to Summer Calendar (up to 6 points)	1 point	1 point	1 point	1 point	1 point	1 point	Total Points
Schedule of Farm to Summer related programming	Served local foods at least twice as part of reimbursable meal	Served local foods as part of a taste test or other agricultural education activity	Visited a local farm, farmers market or garden OR invited a representative from the agricultural community to visit	Hosted special events or activities in conjunction with Farm to Summer Week (July 8-12)	Posted at least once on social media advertising Farm to Summer	Sent home Farm to Summer or agricultural /nutritional education related materials at least once	

Bonus: Supporting Documentation	0 points	1 point	2 points
Circle one	Sponsor does not provide any relevant supporting documentation	Sponsor provides one form of relevant supporting document	Sponsor provides two or more forms of relevant supporting documentation

Total points from Presentation, Calendar, and Supporting Documentation:	out of 12
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