

RISING STAR AWARD

The **Rising Star Award** will be presented to a new SFSP or SSO sponsor that ran a superior first year of operation with a menu that promoted a healthy lifestyle. Your nomination should provide a summary of your operations with evidence of running a superior program. This award is open to all eligible new 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 summer program, explain how your menu promoted a healthy lifestyle, how you had a superior first year, and what you are planning for your program in 2019. Please include details about your operating dates, number and types of sites, and meals served.
- A **three-week cycle menu** that was used in your program and helped you promote a healthy lifestyle. The rubric on the next page details the menu evaluation criteria. Make sure your menu answers the questions the rubric will pose (i.e. Was water available at no cost as all sites? Was local food used?). The menu does not need to meet all additional criteria.
- **Bonus: Supporting Documentation** to provide further evidence of a superior program. 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!



Rising Star Award Rubric

| Presentation Components (up to 8 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 |
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| Clear overview of program | | | | |
| Menu Promotes a Healthy Lifestyle | | | | |
| Explanation of Superior First Year | | | | |
| Future plans for Summer 2019 | | | | |

| Menu (up to 6 points) | 1 point | 1 point | 1 point | 1 point | 1 point | 1 point | Total Points |
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| Promotion of healthy lifestyle through program's three week cycle menu | Sponsor provides fresh, locally produced menu items (Farm must be GAP certified) | Sponsor provides at least one hot meal per week | Sponsor provides fresh fruit or vegetables three or more times a week | Sponsor does not provide any sweet grains (cookies, cakes, brownies, etc.) | Sponsor only provides low-fat (1%) or fat-free dairy products | Water is available at no cost | |

| Bonus: Supporting Documentation | 0 points | 1 point | 2 points |
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| 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 |

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| Total points from Presentation, Menu, and Supporting Documentation: | out of 14 |
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