

2019 SUMMER NUTRITION CHAMPION AWARDS

The Summer Nutrition Team at NCDPI knows that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Summer Seamless Option (SSO) sponsors in our state are implementing innovative and creative practices to expand their summer nutrition programs. **We want to celebrate you!** We encourage all sponsors to consider applying to the one or multiple of the North Carolina Summer Nutrition Champion Awards. Sponsors may be self-nominated or nominated by a third party such as a community partner. This is an opportunity for you to show how you met and exceeded your goals in 2019!

Eligibility Requirements

Sponsors are required to be in good standing with all School Nutrition Programs. This means the sponsor has had no major findings, program violations, has completed and implemented all corrective actions from the last compliance review, was not found seriously deficient in the past two years, and has never been terminated from the Summer Nutrition Programs.

Turnip the Beet Award

The Turnip the Beet award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious.

Going the Distance in Innovation Award

The Going the Distance in Innovation Award honors returning Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option sponsors who implement innovative concepts and marketing strategies in their summer programs to increase participation.

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award will be awarded to new Summer Nutrition Program sponsors who ran a superior first year of operation that included a menu that promotes a healthy lifestyle and sustainable participation or partnerships.

Superior Site Award

The Superior Site Award will be presented to a SFSP or SSO sponsor and site representative that operated an open site that went above and beyond to gain and maintain participation from the children and local community.

Farm to Summer Best Practice Award

The Farm to Summer Award recognizes Summer Nutrition Programs that implemented Farm to Summer initiatives in their programs including serving locally sourced foods and conducting agricultural and nutritional education activities.

To begin your application, submit an electronic
[Summer Nutrition Awards Intent Form](#) by August 30.

