



Sunshine Awards

The *Summer Sunshine Awards* acknowledge the outstanding achievements and hard work involved throughout the country in the Summer Food Service Program. The Awards:

- ☺ encourage and acknowledge innovation, recognize creative and successful partnerships, and reward increased access to eligible children
- ☺ provide recognition to sponsors who have successfully implemented useful ideas
- ☺ share good ideas with State agencies and SFSP sponsors in order to initiate improvements in the program nationwide

Local-level SFSP sponsors or advocacy organizations are eligible to apply, or be nominated, for the following categories:

Special Populations Award is presented to a sponsor or advocacy organization that uses creative strategies to target and serve “hard to reach” groups of children, with the goal of increasing participation and keeping the children actively engaged in the program.

Program Access Award goes to a sponsor or advocacy organization that uses clever and creative activities in its outreach efforts to promote participation in SFSP in its community.

Child Development Activities Award is presented to a sponsor or advocacy organization that makes special efforts to integrate child development activities that are social, recreational, or educational in nature into SFSP.

Meal Service and Nutrition Award goes to a sponsor or advocacy organization that enhances the nutritional content of SFSP meals served, improves the overall service of SFSP meals in the program, and implements efficient purchasing practices or plate waste reduction strategies.

SFSP State agencies are eligible to apply, or be nominated, for the **State Agency Achievement Award**. This Award goes to a SFSP State agency that has demonstrated outstanding achievement and initiative in the program this year, or in recent years.

