

Afterschool & Childcare Nutrition Programs

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) nourish kids where they learn and play.

Program Requirements:	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Snack/Supper	NSLP Afterschool Snacks	Traditional CACFP	
Provider or Program Type	<p>Afterschool/Out-of-School Hours Care Programs (including school-sponsored afterschool programs)</p> <p>Enrichment programs offering nonresidential care for youth after school, on weekends, and/or during breaks throughout the regular school year.</p>	<p>School-Sponsored Afterschool Programs</p> <p>School-sponsored afterschool programs only. Available to schools that participate in the NSLP and provide school lunches during the day.</p>	<p>Childcare Centers or Out-of-School Hours Care Programs</p> <p>Childcare centers or out-of-school hours care programs providing non-residential care services.</p>	<p>Home-Based Childcare Providers</p> <p>Home-based childcare providers providing nonresidential care services. Includes family, group family, and legally exempt daycare home providers.</p>
Location	<p>Programs must be located within the enrollment area of a public school where 50% or more of the students are qualified for free or reduced-price school meals.</p>	<p>Schools in any location may apply, though reimbursement processes may differ for schools in qualified low-income areas. See below.</p>	<p>Qualified centers or programs in any location may participate.</p>	<p>Qualified providers in any location may participate. Providers located in qualified low-income areas may be eligible for higher reimbursement rates.</p>
Licensing	<p>Programs serving more than seven children under 13 years of age may need to be registered with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.</p>	<p>Afterschool programs operated by and located within public school buildings are not required to register with NYS Office of Children and Family Services.</p>	<p>Centers must be licensed or approved by federal, state, or local authority.</p>	<p>Providers must be licensed, approved, or legally exempt by federal, state, or local authority.</p>
Participant Eligibility	<p>Youth age 18 and younger. There are no age limits for persons with disabilities. Participants must be enrolled in and attend school.</p>	<p>Youth age 18 and younger. There are no age limits for persons with disabilities. Participants must be enrolled in and attend school.</p>	<p>Children age 12 and younger, or youth age 15 and younger who are children of migrant workers. There are no age limits for persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>Children age 12 and younger, or youth age 15 and younger who are children of migrant workers. There are no age limits for persons with disabilities.</p>
Meals/Snacks Reimbursed	<p>Up to 1 meal and 1 snack per child, per day.</p>	<p>Snacks only; one snack per child, per day. Only reimburses for snacks served after school on days when school is in session, not on weekends or school holidays.</p>	<p>Up to 2 meals and 1 snack per child, per day.</p>	<p>Up to 2 meals and 1 snack per child, per day.</p>

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Reimbursement	Programs are reimbursed at the highest available rates for all creditable meals or snacks served. Individual participants' household incomes have no impact on the reimbursement rate. Visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org to view current reimbursement rates.	Schools where 50% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals are reimbursed at the highest reimbursement rate—the “free” rate—for all creditable snacks served. No individual income applications are required. Schools where less than 50% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals are reimbursed at three different rates based on the household incomes of participating children.	Centers are reimbursed at three different rate tiers based on the individual household incomes of the children served. Visit ChildcareMealsNY.org to view current reimbursement rates.	Providers are reimbursed at two different rate tiers. Providers who serve low-income children, live in a low-income area or live in a household that meets income guidelines may be eligible for higher (Tier 1) reimbursement rates. Visit ChildcareMealsNY.org to view current reimbursement rates.
Meal/Snack Requirements	Meals and snacks must follow the CACFP Child Meal Pattern. (health.ny.gov/publications/1259.pdf) Meal service does not need to be in a cafeteria nor do all students need to eat at the same time; for example, meal service could extend for an hour serving several rotating groups of children.	Snacks must follow the NSLP Afterschool Snack Meal Pattern. (cn.nysed.gov/content/afterschool-snack-meal-pattern)	Meals and snacks must follow the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern for infants younger than one year of age (health.ny.gov/publications/1260.pdf) or the CACFP Child Meal Pattern for children one year of age or older. (health.ny.gov/publications/1259.pdf)	Meals and snacks must follow the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern for infants younger than one year of age (health.ny.gov/publications/1260.pdf) or the CACFP Child Meal Pattern for children one year of age or older. (health.ny.gov/publications/1259.pdf)
How to Apply	Contact the New York State Department of Health: Call: 518-402-7400 Email: cacfp@health.ny.gov using the subject line “Outreach Coordinator”	Email the New York State Education Department to request an application: cn@nysed.gov	Contact the New York State Department of Health: Call: 518-402-7400 Email: cacfp@health.ny.gov using the subject line “Outreach Coordinator”	Home-based providers participate in CACFP through local sponsoring organizations. For help connecting with a sponsor, call the Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 800-522-5006 or e-mail cacfp@health.ny.gov using the subject line “Outreach Coordinator.”

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