

# 2023 Turnip the Beet Awards



The Turnip the Beet Award, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. Learn more at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet>

**Deadline to  
apply to TDA:  
September 1, 2023**

## Who Is Eligible?

- **All Summer Meal Program sponsors in good standing, including:**
  - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors
  - National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors



## How Do Sponsors Apply?

- **Submit the following to TDA at [Nutrition@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:Nutrition@TexasAgriculture.gov):**
  - [2023 Nomination Form](#)
  - Detailed one-month menu
  - Pictures of meals and activities
  - Invoices indicating whole grain rich and local products



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# Nomination Form Tips

## To Avoid Common Errors, Remember To...



### Section 2: Short Answer Questions

- **Be Specific**
  - How are meals prepared to be age-appropriate for the population to be served?
    - Provide specific food items and age-appropriate modifications
  - How do you gather feedback from children about the meals served at the summer sites?
    - List specifically what methods you used
    - What were the results?
- **Documentation**
  - Photos of serving lines, summer meal plates/trays, activities in action, etc with TDA photo release when needed
  - Invoices showing whole grain-rich and local produce

### Section 3: Menus

#### One Month Menu

- If using a cycle menu, repeat cycle for the entire menu calendar month.



#### Water

- Clear statement on menu  
“Water is available at no cost”



#### Label Menu Items

- Canned
- Dried
- Fresh
- Frozen
- Local
- 100% Juice
- Whole Grain Rice
- Milk Fat Content and Flavor



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## Summer 2023 Awards

- USDA Recognition
- TDA Digital Certificate

## Don't Forget!

- Review the bonus criteria to achieve higher award level
- Reach out to your ESC for assistance completing the nomination form!

## Summer 2022 Awardees



### GOLD

- Brenham ISD
- College Station ISD
- Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD
- North East ISD
- Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
- Plano ISD
- San Antonio Food Bank
- YES Prep Public Schools



### SILVER

- Brownsville ISD
- Crosby ISD
- Florence ISD
- Frankston ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Garland ISD
- Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
- Lamar ISD
- Longview ISD
- Magnolia ISD
- Marble Falls ISD
- Mission CISD
- Rio Hondo ISD
- San Antonio ISD
- San Marcos CISD
- Spring ISD



### BRONZE

- Pasadena ISD
- Rockdale ISD



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