

NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant

Quick Reference

Notification

- o Email notification is sent to the Superintendent and Child Nutrition Director.
- o The email notification of eligibility to apply is not a notice of award.
- o SFAs that did not receive an email link to the application are ineligible or all sites are ineligible for the grant.

Eligibility

- o Site is an active, in good standing, participant in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), or the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program.
- o Active status is based on the 2024-2025 school year.
- o Site is not eligible if claims were not submitted.
- o New 2025-2026 sites are not eligible, with the exception of those operating SSO.
- o Your district's net cash resources must be less than 3 months of operating expenses.
- o Only sites that have not received a prior NSLP equipment grant will be considered.

Application

- o Clear your web browser cache before you enter the application.
- o You must apply by the deadline through SquareMeals.org for consideration.
- o Applications will not be accepted after the posted deadline.
- o Passwords for the application are sent to the Superintendent and Child Nutrition Director.
- o Applications will be scored competitively.
- o You will be notified after the application closes only if you receive an award.

Equipment

- o Equipment must be valued at \$1,000 or greater, per item.
- o Research prices for the intended equipment to ensure reasonable estimates.
- o Do not send TDA a copy of vendor quotes or price sheets.
- o Equipment purchased before the published award date will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- o Each piece of equipment will be rated independently.
- o If selected for an award, your district will be reimbursed the lesser of the invoice amount or the maximum award amount, per item.
- o The equipment type, site, and maximum award amount may not be substituted.
- o Your district must follow any applicable local, state, and federal procurement rules.



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