

2023 TURNIP THE BEAT 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.



Who is eligible?

All Summer Meal Program sponsors in good standing, including:

- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors
- National School Lunch Program Seamless SummerOption (SSO) sponsors

How do I apply?

Nomination forms can be emailed to Alexandria.Dawson@education.ohio.gov now through Sept. 1

- 2023 Nomination Form
- Detailed one-month menu
- Pictures of meals and activities

**Deadline to Apply
September 1, 2023**

Tips for Completing the Nomination Form

Section 2: Short Answer Questions

- Be specific
 - How are meals prepared to be age appropriate for the population being 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 what specific methods you used.
 - What were the results?
- Documentation
 - Photos of serving lines, summer meal plates or trays, activities in action. For example make sure to use a photo release when needed.

Bonus Criteria

Review the bonus criteria on the nomination form to achieve higher award level.

Section 3: Menus

- One-month menu. If using a cycle menu, repeat cycle for the entire menu calendar month.
- Label menu items:
 - Canned
 - Dried
 - Fresh
 - Frozen
 - Local
 - Whole Grain Rice
 - 100% Juice
 - Milk Fat Content and Flavor
- Clear statement if water is available at no cost.

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2022 Ohio Awardees



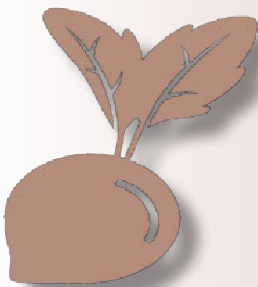
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The Lodi Family Center



SILVER

Cincinnati Public Schools



BRONZE

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank