



Dairy Council of Arizona
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
2025 Grant Program School Site Application

Please note that this grant application is SITE BASED, meaning multiple sites within a district may apply for this grant and EACH site requires a separate grant application.

Overview

Dairy Council of Arizona recognizes the importance of a healthy, nutritious summer feeding program on the health of Arizona children. Summer feeding provides the nutritional bridge between the end of one school year and the beginning of a new school year. Dairy Council of Arizona is committed to assisting schools increase participation in their summer feeding programs so students return to school in the fall, healthy and ready to learn. The Dairy Council of Arizona will award four (4) selected schools a thousand dollar (\$1,000) grant to promote expansion of their Summer Food Service Program. This should have an emphasis on healthy eating and daily exercise that includes promotion of at least three servings of dairy a day. The ultimate goal of the grant program is to increase the total number of milk, cheese, and yogurt products served.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

The Dairy Council of Arizona Summer Food Service Program grants are open to all OPEN SCHOOL sites in the state of Arizona. Grants are also open to past Dairy Council of Arizona Summer Food Service Program grant winners. Please note that non-profit sites must apply on a different application link from schools; please make sure to apply on the correct link based on your organization.

Open Sites (7 CFR 225.2 definitions)

Most sponsors establish site eligibility on “need and openness.” If a site is located in a needy area (where 50 percent or more of the children residing in the area are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals) and meals are made available to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis, these sites are considered open. Sponsors of open sites must take the necessary steps to allow meal service access to all children residing in the area served by the site. Information regarding the meal service at open sites must be publicized in the community served.

Programs Must Meet the Following Criteria:

- Be implemented during the 2025 summer. Preference will be given to those who run their programs throughout the entire summer (May, June, & July).
 - Include at least one (1) “Specific Promotional Activity/Activities”
 - Must order or download one (1) catalog item to be displayed or given to children who are served that is located in the catalog that encourages students to consume 3 servings of dairy products (milk, yogurt, and/or cheese) per day and the benefits it provides (calcium builds strong bones and teeth, etc.).
 - The Dairy Council of Arizona offers many free materials that you can order to be shipped to you or downloaded on our catalog at <https://catalog.dairymanagement-west.com/> so that you can use them in your Specific Promotional Activities.
 - Please note that money from this grant cannot be used to pay overhead/indirect costs of an institution, i.e. salaries, electricity, maintenance, new equipment. In addition, money from this grant cannot be used to buy food or beverage products that will be served on the line as part of breakfast or lunch service on the menu. The grant money, however, can be used for purchasing products for Specific Promotional Activities offered before, during, or after meal services.
 - Mail the “Shamrock Milk Surveys” to the Dairy Council. There are 3 grade level appropriate surveys (elementary, middle, high school) that will be available.
- Managers will need to make sure that each child gets the appropriate survey for their grade level and only completes the survey just one time.**
- Please mail at least 50 total completed surveys to our mailing address no later than the conclusion of your program.

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- Be present for a site visit of your program to take photos, video, and post about your program on social media. If this is not feasible, the grantee agrees to email photos, video, and social media (making sure to tag @azmilkproducers in posts) to Dairy Council staff.

Programs receiving financial assistance shall not exclude from participation, deny benefits to or discriminate against any person or institution on the basis of race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin or physical handicap in accordance with Federal statutes.

Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated and selected by the Dairy Council of Arizona. Grant proposal/applications must be submitted online at arizonamilk.org between Monday, March 3rd, 2025, until Friday, April 11th, 2024, by 5 PM. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified on or around May 5th, 2025. Dairy Council of Arizona will award up to four (4) grant school sites. The first grant monies in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) will be awarded at the onset of the Summer Food Service Program on or around May 30th, 2025. Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be awarded around August 29th, 2025, after the Shamrock Milk surveys and has been mailed, received, and approved by Dairy Council of Arizona.

Please note Dairy Council of Arizona reserves the right to terminate or suspend a grant award if the terms of the grant or the Dairy Council of Arizona Summer Food Service Grant Program Agreement are not met. In addition, Dairy Council of Arizona reserves the right to request the Grantee and Grantee agrees to repay Dairy Council of Arizona any grant funds not used for the purposes of the Grant, improperly applied by the Grantee or unused by the completion of the program.

Confidentiality

While under funding consideration, any submitted grant applications become property of the Dairy Council of Arizona. All information that is not otherwise available from public sources will be held in confidence and will be available only to appropriate Dairy Council of Arizona staff.

Acknowledgement and Disclaimer

Any publication or disclosure based on the summer feeding program or program activities supported by Dairy Council of Arizona Summer Food Service Grant Program must contain the following acknowledgment:

“This [publication/program/activity/film/video/Web site/event] was made possible by a grant from the Dairy Council of Arizona.” **Social media posts must tag @azmilkproducers on Facebook and Instagram posts.**

All publications or program materials must contain the following statement:

“Any opinions, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this [publication/program/activity/film/video/Web site/event] are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent those of the Dairy Council of Arizona.”

Publication and Distribution

Dairy Council of Arizona may publish, distribute and make available to the public the names of grantees and the results and or outcomes of the Dairy Council of Arizona Summer Food Service Grant Program. Generally, the publication shall be in journals, on the National Dairy Council Website (www.nationaldairycouncil.org) and/or in similar media.