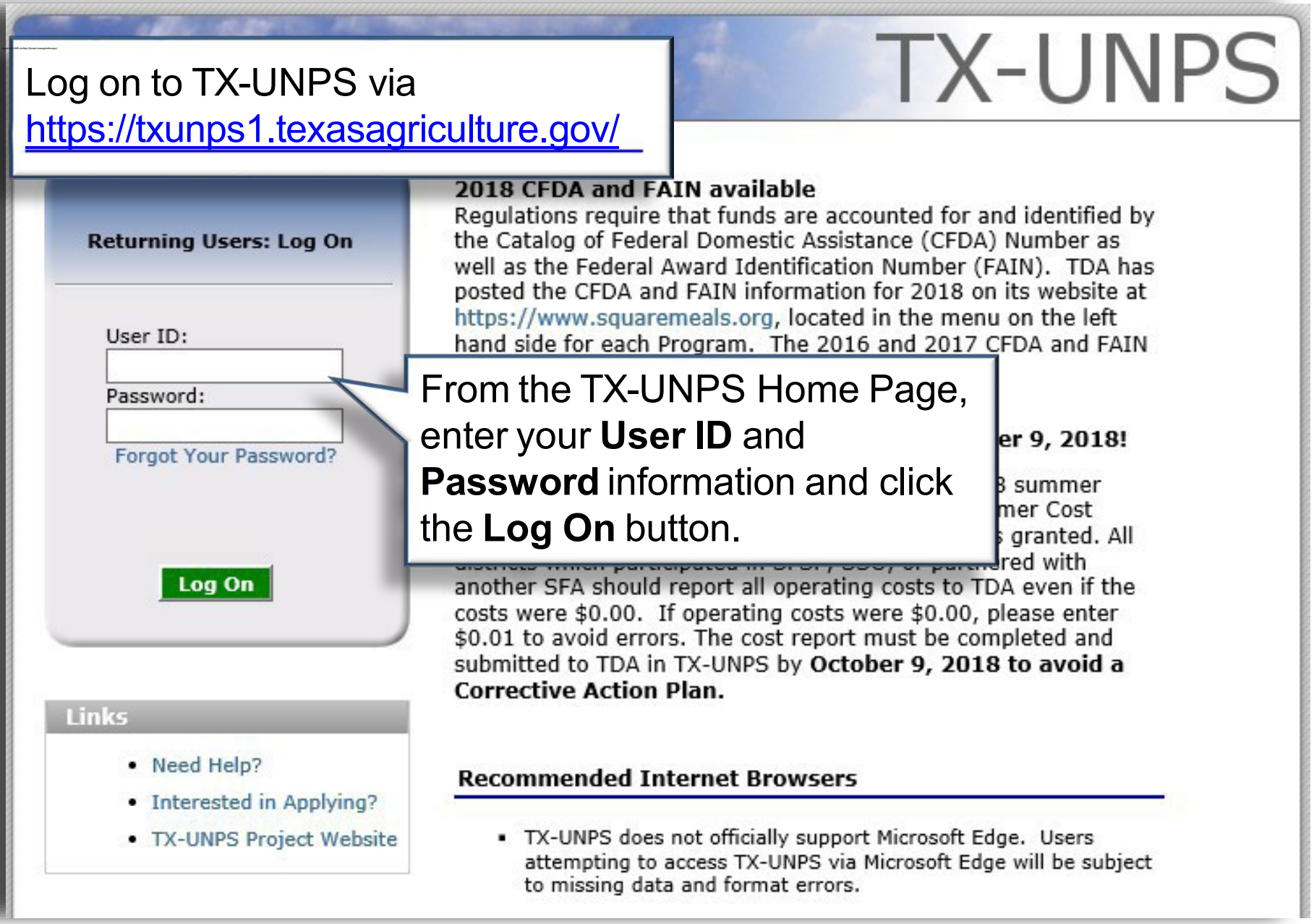
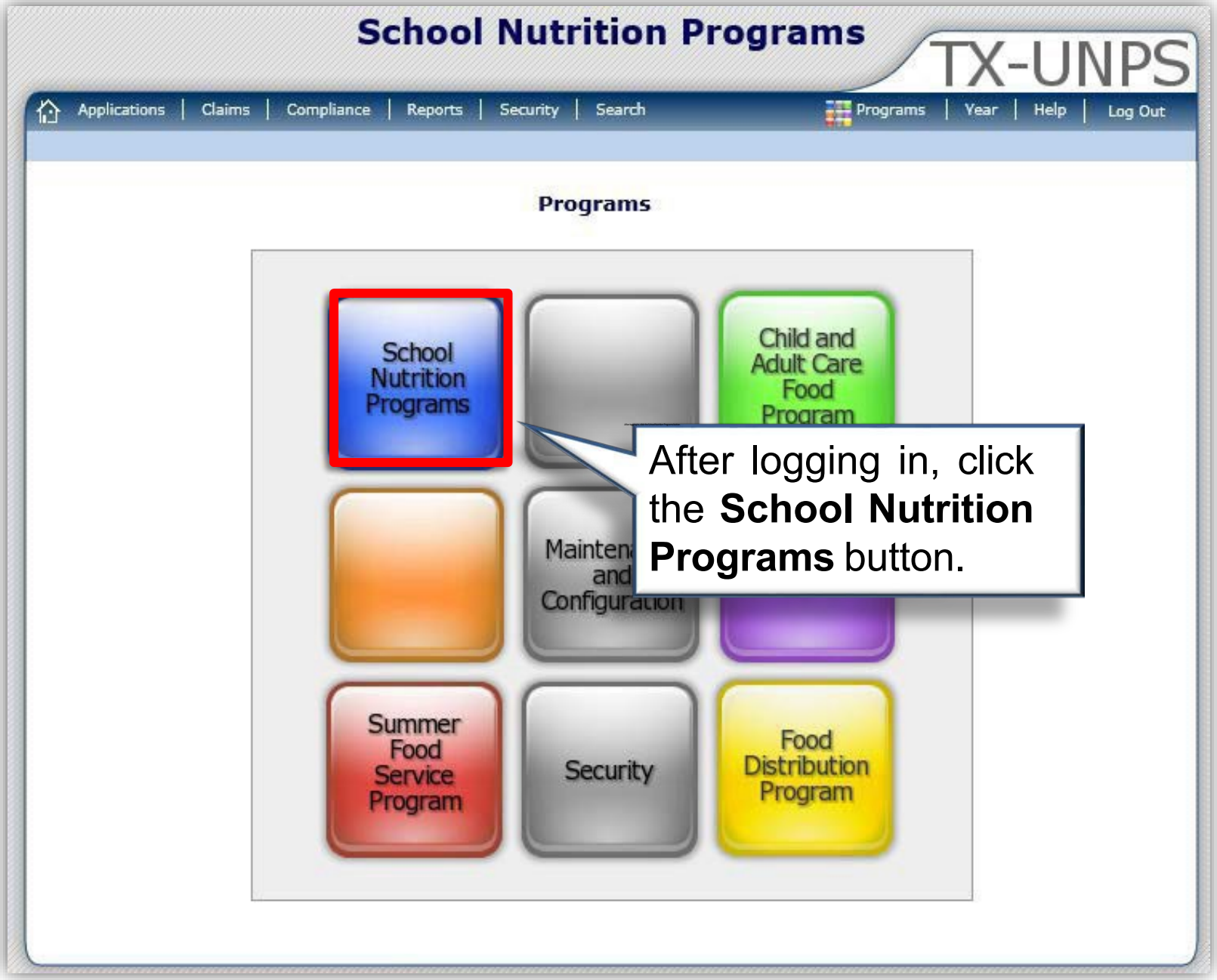
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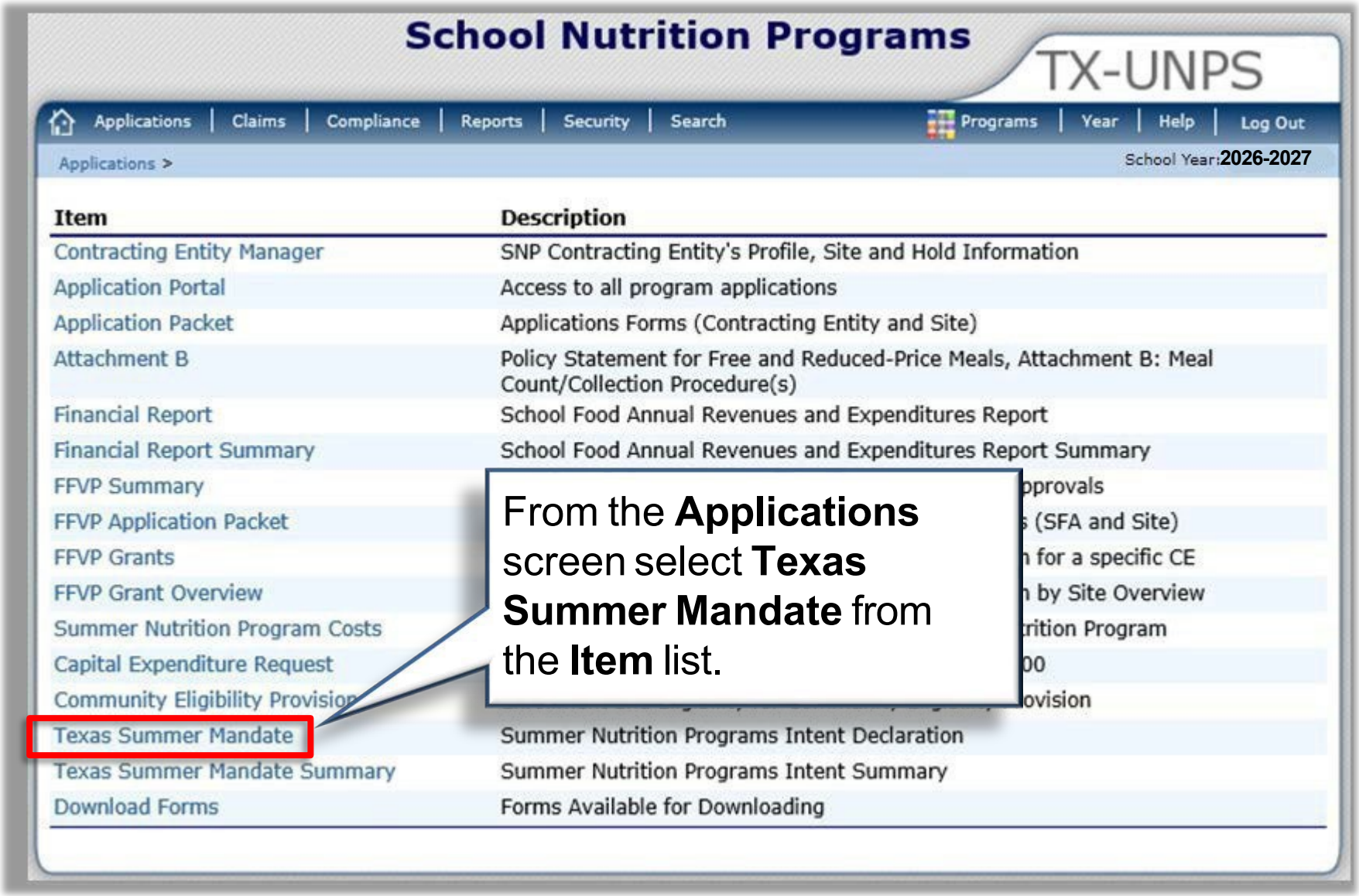
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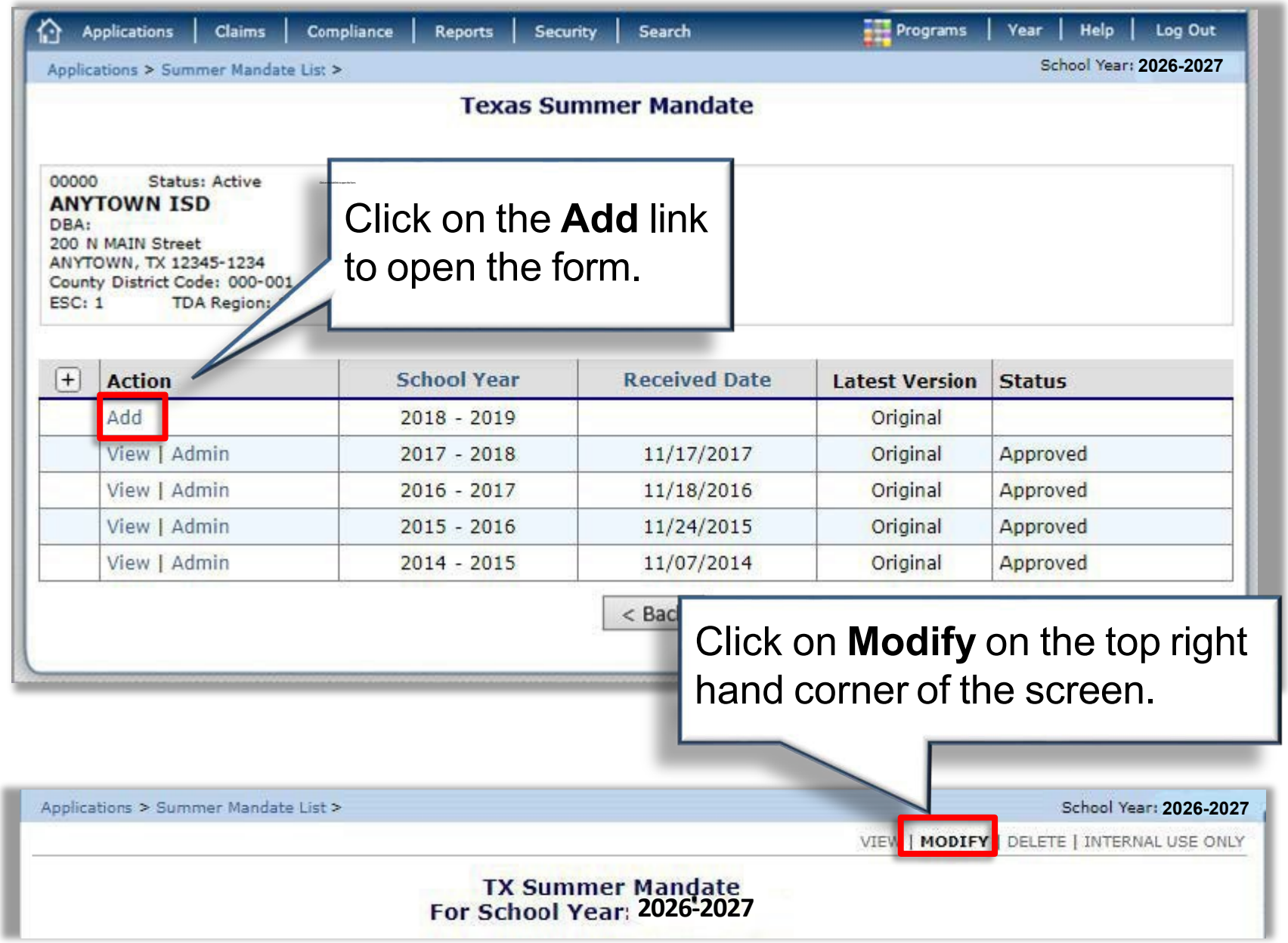



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Programs
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Food Distribution Program
After logging in, click the School Nutrition Programs button.

From the TX-UNPS Welcome screen, click on the **Applications** hyperlink on the top left corner of the screen.




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Applications >
School Year:2026-2027
Item
Description
Contracting Entity Manager
SNP Contracting Entity's Profile, Site and Hold Information
Application Portal
Access to all program applications
Application Packet
Applications Forms (Contracting Entity and Site)
Attachment B
Policy Statement for Free and Reduced-Price Meals, Attachment B: Meal Count/Collection Procedure(s)
Financial Report
School Food Annual Revenues and Expenditures Report
Financial Report Summary
School Food Annual Revenues and Expenditures Report Summary
FFVP Summary
FFVP Application Packet
FFVP Grants
FFVP Grant Overview
Summer Nutrition Program Costs
Capital Expenditure Request
Community Eligibility Provision
Texas Summer Mandate
Summer Nutrition Programs Intent Declaration
Texas Summer Mandate Summary
Summer Nutrition Programs Intent Summary
Download Forms
Forms Available for Downloading
From the Applications screen select Texas Summer Mandate from the Item list.


Applications | Claims | Compliance | Reports | Security | Search | Programs | Year | Help | Log Out
Applications > Summer Mandate List >
School Year: 2026-2027
Texas Summer Mandate
00000 Status: Active
ANYTOWN ISD
DBA:
200 N MAIN Street
ANYTOWN, TX 12345-1234
County District Code: 000-001
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School Year: 2026-2027
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TX Summer Mandate
For School Year: 2026-2027

Review the requirements making note of the **due date** to submit intentions to TDA.

Instructions

Texas regulation (4 Texas Admin. Code §25.612) requires public school districts with **50 percent** or more of their enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program to provide a summer nutrition program.

SFAs that meet this criteria are required to declare their intention to provide a summer nutrition program, or submit their waiver request and waiver explanation through this form by January 31.
SFAs will be contacted if additional information is needed to approve a waiver request.

Waivers are valid for one year only.

The Texas Summer Mandate form is **not** the program application. In order to claim meals for reimbursement, SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

Enter the appropriate information for the **Contact Information** fields 1-4.

Contact Information

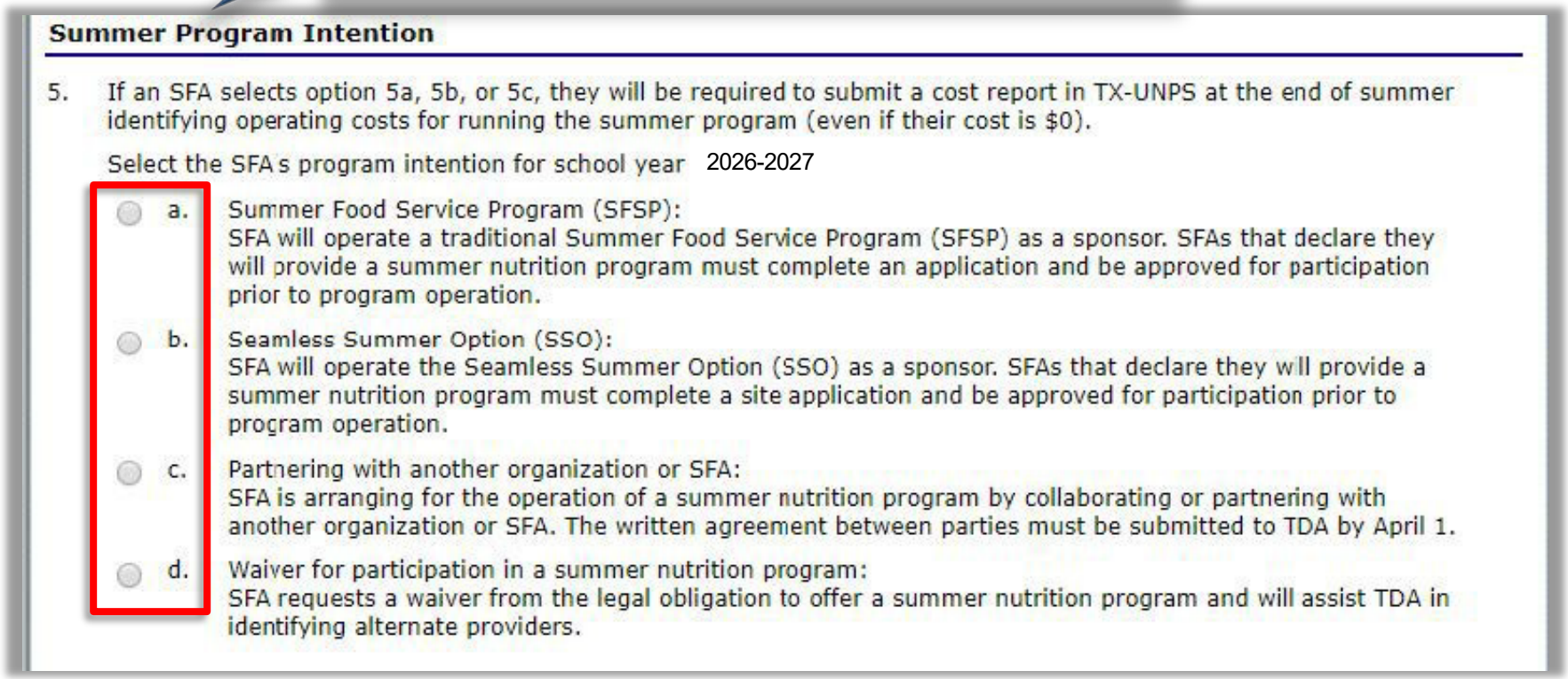
		Salutation	First Name	Last
1.	Name:			

2.	Title:	
3.	Email Address:	

4.	Phone:		Ext:		Fax:

Due Date: January 31, 2027

Select **one of the intentions** listed below to signify which program your district plans to participate in.



Summer Program Intention

5. If an SFA selects option 5a, 5b, or 5c, they will be required to submit a cost report in TX-UNPS at the end of summer identifying operating costs for running the summer program (even if their cost is $0).

Select the SFA s program intention for school year 2026-2027

a. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):
SFA will operate a traditional Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

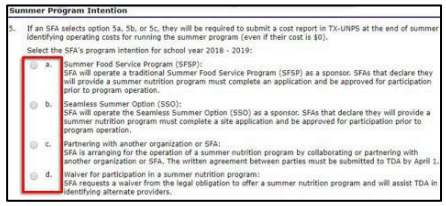
b. Seamless Summer Option (SSO):
SFA will operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete a site application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

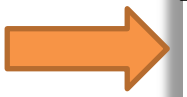
c. Partnering with another organization or SFA:
SFA is arranging for the operation of a summer nutrition program by collaborating or partnering with another organization or SFA. The written agreement between parties must be submitted to TDA by April 1.

d. Waiver for participation in a summer nutrition program:
SFA requests a waiver from the legal obligation to offer a summer nutrition program and will assist TDA in identifying alternate providers.

Review the following pages to learn more about the four Summer Program Intention options!

Option (a) and (b): Offer SFSP or SSO







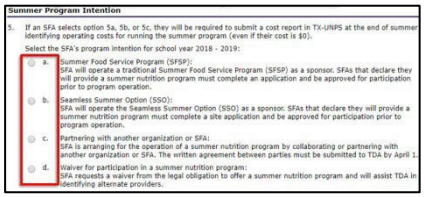
Choose option (a) or (b) in *number 5* to indicate that your district plans to provide a summer nutrition program and operate SFSP or SSO.

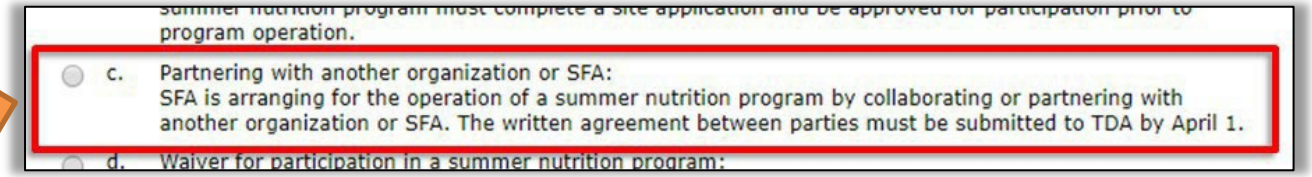
Reminder!

- The **SFSP or SSO Application Packet** must also be completed and submitted in TX-UNPS.
- To apply for SFSP:
  1. Visit the SFSP page at SquareMeals.org
  2. Carefully review all deadlines and instructions before completing the application.
- To apply for SSO, complete and submit the SSO Site Application. *Instructions for adding a site can be found in the TX-UNPS User Manual at www.squaremeals.org/TXUNPSResources or in Administrator's Reference Manual – Section 12.*

Contact your Education Service Center for more information about the SFSP or SSO applications.

Option (c): Partner with Another SFA





Choose option (c) in *number 5* to indicate that your district will partner with another SFA to provide a summer nutrition program. There are a variety of ways your district can help children in need access nutritious meals via a partnership:

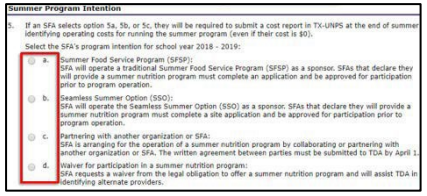
- Allow/Rent another sponsor to use your facilities
- Find a sponsor to open a meal site in a local community location
- Volunteer staff or conduct outreach to help another sponsor provide meals
- Volunteer your buses to help transport children to meal sites

A **signed agreement** between your district and the partnering organization is required, and should include:

- Serving days and times
- Responsibilities of each party
- Names and contact information for each party

Important Deadline: Submit the finalized partnership agreement to TDA by April 1, 2027, via email to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov.

Option (d): Request a Waiver – two steps


Summer Program Intention

5. If an SFA selects option 5a, 5b, or 5c, they will be required to submit a cost report in TX-UNPS at the end of summer identifying operating costs for running the summer program (even if their cost is $0).

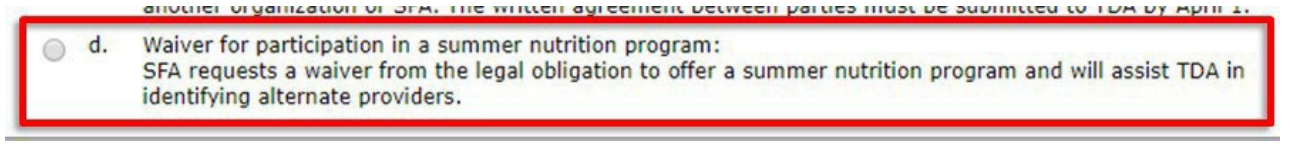
Select the SFA's program intention for school year 2018 - 2019:

a. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):
SFA will operate a traditional Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

b. Seamless Summer Option (SSO):
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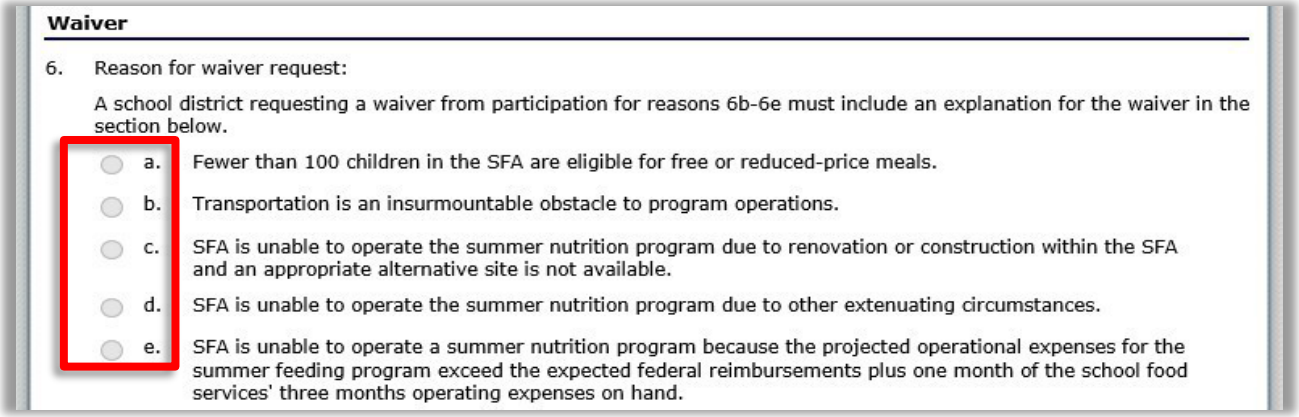
c. Partnering with another organization or SFA:
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d. Waiver for participation in a summer nutrition program:
SFA requests a waiver from the legal obligation to offer a summer nutrition program and will assist TDA in identifying alternate providers.



1. Choose option (d) in *number 5* to indicate that your district would like to request a waiver and opt out of providing a summer nutrition program.
   - Waiver requests must be submitted prior to January 31 in order to be considered
   - Depending on the reason for the waiver request, additional information and documentation may be required. See the following page for requirement details.
   - As required by state law, the Board of Trustees must send written notice of intention to the District's local school Health Advisory Council no later than **November 30, 2026**.
   - When selecting the waiver option, you must also identify an alternate feeding site that is able to serve summer meals to your in-need student population.
2. Continue to *number 6* of the form to enter the waiver request reason.

Waiver reasons and requirements explained on the following page


Waiver

6. Reason for waiver request:

A school district requesting a waiver from participation for reasons 6b-6e must include an explanation for the waiver in the section below.

a. Fewer than 100 children in the SFA are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

b. Transportation is an insurmountable obstacle to program operations.

c. SFA is unable to operate the summer nutrition program due to renovation or construction within the SFA and an appropriate alternative site is not available.

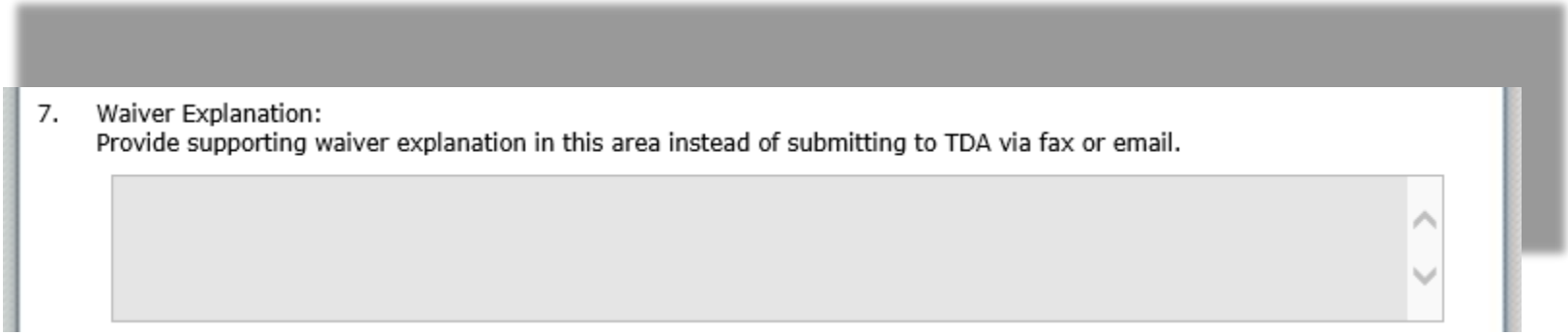
d. SFA is unable to operate the summer nutrition program due to other extenuating circumstances.

e. SFA is unable to operate a summer nutrition program because the projected operational expenses for the summer feeding program exceed the expected federal reimbursements plus one month of the school food services' three months operating expenses on hand.

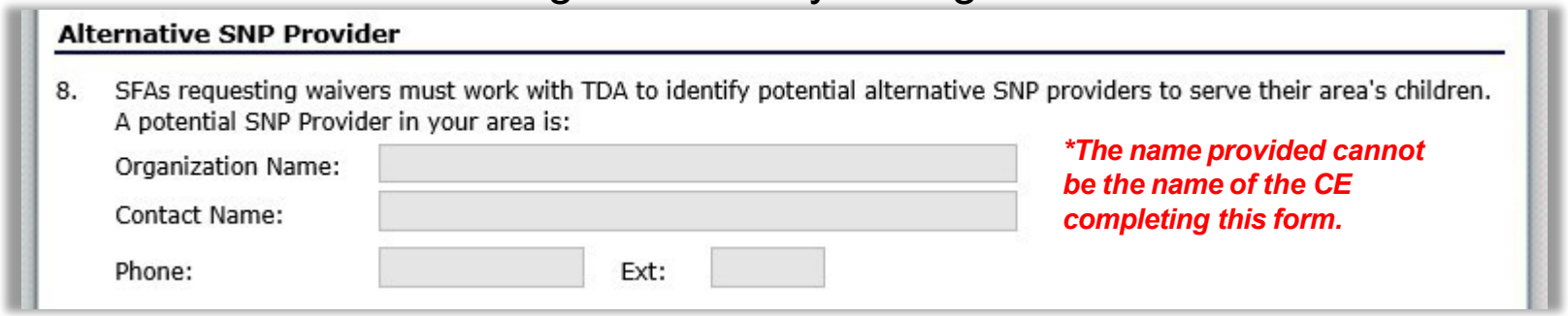
Waiver Request Reasons and Required Documentation	
a. Fewer than 100 eligible students	Select (a) if your school district has fewer than 100 students eligible for free or reduced meals, based on prior **PY26** *March* claims. No documentation or additional explanation is needed.
b. Transportation	Select (b) if there are insurmountable barriers that prevent children from accessing the meal site. This often includes safety hazards such as railroad tracks, road construction, lack of sidewalks or crosswalks, lack of public transportation, physical distance between home and meal sites, etc. ***A detailed explanation of barriers is required in number 7 of the form.***
c. Construction	Select (c) if construction is planned and there is no alternative facility available. Verifiable paperwork detailing the planned construction must be sent to TDA. **A detailed explanation of why an alternative site is not available is also required in *number 7* of the form.**
d. Other extenuating circumstances	Select (d) if there are other extenuating circumstances not provided on the form. **A detailed explanation of the extenuating circumstance is required in *number 7* of the form.**
e. Cost	Financial documentation must demonstrate the cost to operate the program for one month is **greater than** one month of your food service's budgeted operating expenses and expected federal reimbursement. Transportation costs should not be included. Financial documentation must be emailed to TDA for review.

All supporting documents should be emailed to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov by January 31.
View www.squaremeals.org/SummerWaivers for further details on acceptable explanations.

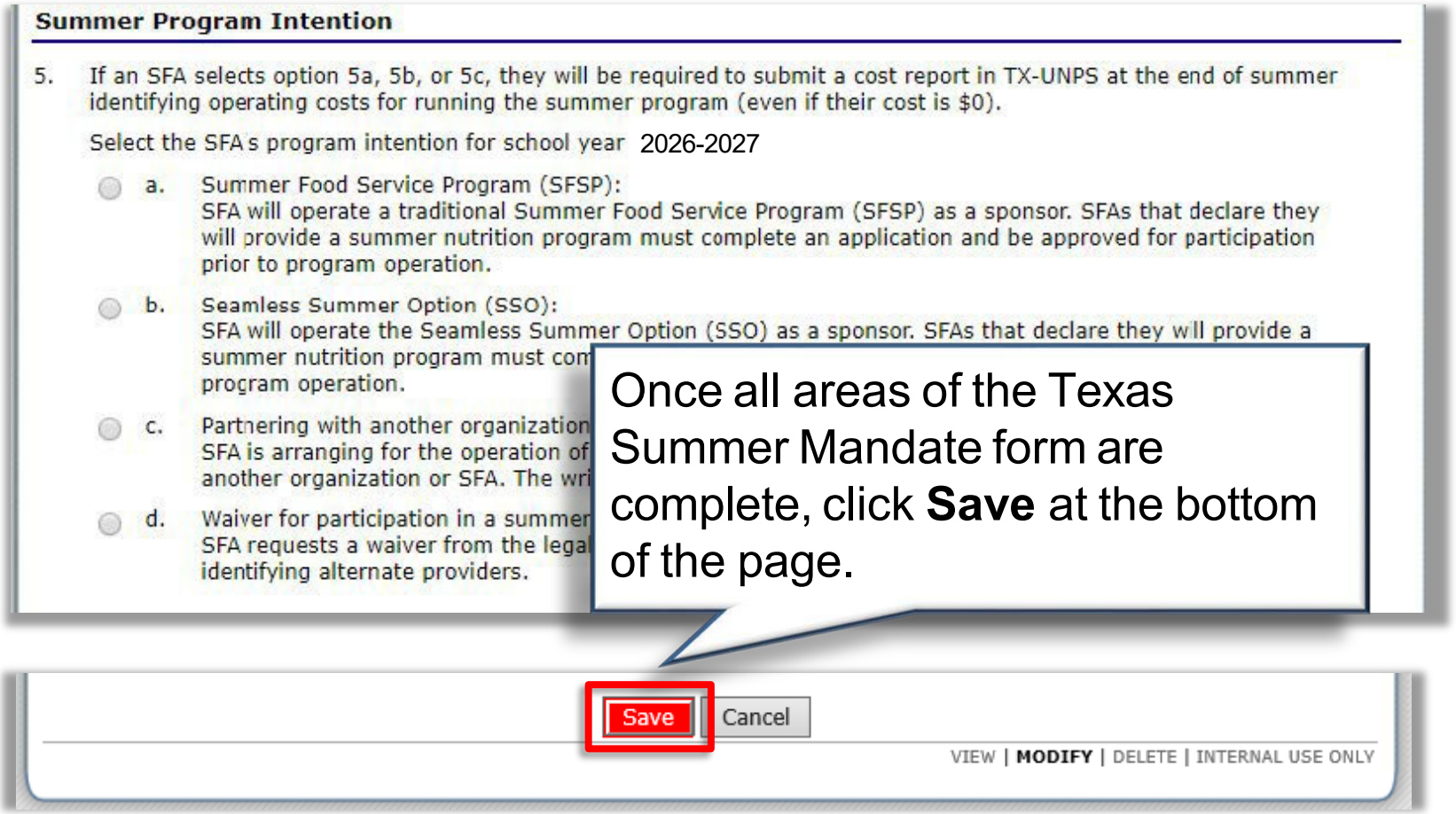
For **reasons 6b-6e**, enter your explanation in the provided Waiver Explanation box.



If applying for a waiver, an Alternative SNP Provider must be identified and recorded in *number 8*. This should be contact information of who you contacted to discuss feeding children in your region.



Submitting Summer Mandate Intention



Helpful Reminders

- If you change your decision about which option to pursue at a later date, you must update your Texas Summer Mandate form in TX-UNPS and submit any required documentation to TDA prior to the deadline given.

- Waiver requests must be submitted by January 31st to be considered for approval. Waiver requests will not be considered after January 31st.

- Unless you request a waiver, your district's Summer Cost Report must be submitted at the end of the summer in TX-UNPS, even if your cost is $0. This also applies even if you partnered with another organization.

- For additional information, please visit www.summerfood.org and www.squaremeals.org.