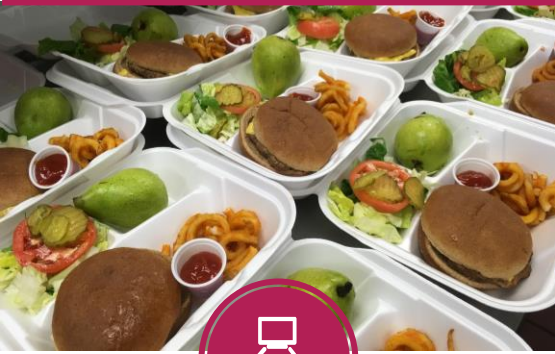


2021 Turnip the Beet Awards



**Deadline to
apply to TDA:**

September 3, 2021



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 Programs sponsors in good standing, including:
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors
 - National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sponsors
- Sponsors who used USDA waivers in response to COVID-19

How do sponsors apply?

Submit the following to TDA at nutrition@texasagriculture.gov:

- Nomination Form
- Detailed one-month menu
- Pictures of meals and activities
- Invoices indicating whole grain rich and local products



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Tips for Completing the Nomination Form

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.
- Label menu items:
 - Canned
 - Dried
 - Fresh
 - Frozen
 - Local
 - Milk Fat Content and Flavor
 - Whole Grain Rice
 - 100% Juice
- Clear statement if water is available at no cost

Section 4: Waivers

- Provide specific COVID-19 waiver
- Did the sponsor use a meal pattern waiver? If so, how did the menus change because of the waiver?
 - Milk fat types, Fat free chocolate to 1% chocolate
 - (SSO) Vegetable subgroups, canned pinto beans to fresh carrot sticks



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- USDA Recognition
- TDA Digital Certificate
- TDA Web Badge

Bonus Criteria

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



Summer 2018 Awardees

GOLD

- Hays CISD
- Laredo ISD
- Leander ISD
- Magnolia ISD
- Plano ISD

SILVER

- Austin ISD
- Garland ISD
- Grand Prairie ISD
- Houston ISD
- Lewisville ISD
- North East ISD
- North Texas Food Bank
- Rio Hondo ISD
- Smithville ISD
- Spring ISD

BRONZE

- Gatesville ISD
- San Marcos CISD



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