

2023 No Kid Hungry Out-of-School Time Meals Champions Application

Share Our Strength's [No Kid Hungry campaign](#) seeks ten champions who will help further our work to expand access to summer and afterschool meals through the Summer Food Service Program, NSLP Seamless Summer Option, and the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. We are excited to announce the request for applications for our **Out-of-School Time Meals Champions 2023 Cohort (OST Champions)**. We look forward to welcoming our second cohort of OST Champions, building upon the successful [2022 Cohort](#).

Are you an OST Champion?

We are looking for passionate individuals who are comfortable:

- Speaking about their experience with summer and afterschool meals, including how they started their program, challenges, and successes
- Promoting the benefits of offering summer and afterschool meals
- Assisting their peers who are interested in beginning or expanding summer and afterschool meals

We hope to identify champions that represent a variety of roles and types of organizations across the country, but we have a strong preference for individuals with direct experience supporting or implementing these programs. That can be at a sponsoring organization, school district or school nutrition department, afterschool enrichment program, school, or community-based organization.

In particular, we seek champions who:

- Can speak to developing partnerships within or outside their organizations
- Have experience working collaboratively with children, families, and communities
- Have undertaken marketing or promotion efforts
- Have experience working with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities and incorporating equity, diversity, and inclusion practices into their work

What do OST Champions do?

Champions will be asked to help with activities and initiatives such as:

- Speaking on webinars
- Speaking at in-person events and conferences (optional)
- Sharing their story and experience for case studies or other resources to be highlighted on our [website](#)
- Helping to develop and review resources about summer and/or afterschool meals
- Providing technical assistance to other individuals/organizations
- Joining monthly meetings to share experiences and participating in a co-learning space

Commitments will be limited to five hours per month plus up to two optional trips. Travel is not required to be an OST Champion; however, Champions may have the opportunity to travel if interested.

Compensation:

Each Champion will receive a \$2,500 stipend, and their organization will receive a \$2,000 award. Any travel and lodging expenses related to OST Champion work will be covered by Share Our Strength. Share Our Strength reserves the right to contact your state agency to ensure your organization is in good standing with the summer and/or afterschool meals programs.

Eligibility:

- Former (2022) OST Champions are not eligible to apply to be 2023 OST Champions;
- Members of the [Hall of Fame](#) are eligible and are encouraged to apply
- Applicants must have experience running both the Summer Food Service Program (or the NSLP Seamless Summer Option) and the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program.

Timeline:

- Application opens September 1, 2022
- Application closes October 7, 2022
- Interviews October 24, 2022 through November 11, 2022
- Selections made by November 16, 2022
- 2023 OST Champions begin commitment on December 1, 2022 and end November 30, 2023

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Paige Pokorney at ppokorney@strength.org.

Application Questions

All applicants:

1. What is your first and last name?
2. What is the name of your organization?
3. What is your job title?
4. How many years have you been in your role at your organization and/or have worked in the field of child nutrition?
5. What is your email address?
6. What is your phone number?
7. In what state are you located?
8. What types of communities do you serve? Please select all that apply.
 - a. Urban
 - b. Suburban
 - c. Rural
9. What best describes your organization?
 - a. School district / School food authority
 - b. Non-profit organization
 - c. Other
10. (If school or school district) How many students do you have in your district?

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals

11. How does your organization currently participate in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program? As a:
 - a. Sponsoring organization
 - b. Independent center/program (works directly with the state agency)
 - c. Site (works with a sponsoring organization)
 - d. Does not currently participate in CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program
12. How many sites do you sponsor in the CACFP At-risk Afterschool Meals Program? Please write "n/a" if you are not a sponsor.
13. How many afterschool meals (suppers) do you serve on a typical day?
14. Does your organization also serve snacks through CACFP At-Risk Afterschool?
15. Were you a part of the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program application process at your organization or a prior organization?
16. What is your experience operating the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program? *Please include details like when your organization started participating in the program; whether you had a role in deciding to apply; submitting the application, or implementing the program; and your responsibilities related to the program.*
17. What is your greatest success in operating the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?
18. Please describe a challenge that you have encountered operating the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and how you overcame it.

SFSP/SSO

19. How does your organization currently participate in the Summer Meals Program (SFSP or SSO)?
 - a. Sponsoring organization
 - b. Site (works with sponsoring organization)
 - c. Does not currently participate in SFSP/SSO
20. How many summer meals do you serve on a typical day during summer (June-August) operations? Please write "n/a" if you are not a sponsor.
21. Were you a part of the SFSP/SSO application process at your organization or at a prior organization?
22. What is your experience with operating SFSP/SSO? *Please include details like when your organization started participating in the program; whether you had a role in deciding to apply, submitting the application, or implementing the program; and your responsibilities related to the program.*
23. What is your greatest success in operating SFSP/SSO?
24. Please describe a challenge that you have encountered operating SFSP/SSO and how you overcame it.

All Applicants:

25. Does your organization participate in any other child nutrition programs? Please select all that apply.
 - a. Other components of CACFP (e.g. Childcare, Outside-School-Hours-Care, etc.)
 - b. School Breakfast Program
 - c. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

- d. Weekend Backpack Program
 - e. Food pantry
 - f. Other
26. Please describe any public speaking or training experience that you have.
 27. Please describe any work you have done around building partnerships; marketing and promoting afterschool and/or summer meals; and/or working collaboratively with the children or community you serve.
 28. How do you demonstrate a commitment to equity? Please provide examples of why and how you incorporate principles like equity, diversity, and inclusion into your work.
 29. Why do you want to be an Out-of-School Time Meals Champion?
 30. Additional comments, questions, or anything else you'd like to share?
 31. Acknowledgements
 - a. I will seek any necessary approvals from my employer as soon as decisions are announced.
 - b. If selected, I will notify Share Our Strength of my acceptance and submit paperwork by November 30, 2022.