



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for well-balanced, nutritious meals served to individuals enrolled in adult and child day care centers, family day care homes (FDCH), after school programs, emergency shelters, and head start programs. CACFP federal funding is provided from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and paid to Program Operators through an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (state agency), based on monthly claims submitted.

The CACFP is available to public, private nonprofit, and for-profit organizations providing licensed or registered for nonresidential day care services. Such organizations include adult care, childcare, FDCH Sponsors, afterschool programs, schools, foodbanks, and city government organizations including organizations providing day care services for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs. For-profit centers may qualify if they receive compensation under Title XX/XIX of the Social Security Act for at least 25% of the total participants who are receiving nonresidential care, or 25% of their participants qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

HOW DO I APPLY?

7 Steps to CACFP Application Approval

1. **Outreach Survey** - are you eligible to participate?
2. **Pre-Registration** - are your business requirements in order?
3. **Training** - complete all required online CACFP training sessions
4. **Gain Agreement Number** - access to online application
5. **Complete Online Application Required Records**
6. **Pre-Approval Visit** - observation of CACFP operation
7. **Final Approval** - when steps 1-6 are completed and approved

Interested in applying to CACFP? Begin with completing the
NJDA CACFP Outreach & Eligibility Tool



CACFP Meal Reimbursement Rates

Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

*Reimbursement rates are updated annually, effective July 1st.

MEAL TYPE	FREE	REDUCED	PAID
BREAKFAST	\$2.46	\$2.16	\$0.40
LUNCH OR SUPPER*	\$4.90	\$4.50	\$0.72
SNACK	\$1.26	\$0.63	\$0.11

*Includes cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods per meal rate (30.05 cents)

Note: USDA Foods commodities are available for Districts and Private Providers in place of cash-in-lieu funds.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington D.C. 20250-9410

2. Fax:

(833) 256 - 1665 or (202) 690 - 7442

3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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