

Special Milk Program



Purpose of Special Milk Program:

To encourage consumption of milk by children in nonprofit schools, summer camps and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children. Financial assistance is paid to participating agencies for milk served to children.

Participant Requirements

- Nonprofit schools and residential camps devoted to care and training of children.
- Complete an application and agreement with State Office of Education.
- Choose to operate a pricing or non-pricing program.
- **Special Milk Program is available *only* to students *not* participating in National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program.**
- Eligible children must be under 19 years of age.
- Conduct a nonprofit milk service.
- Provide competent and adequate supervision for each site participating.
- Maintain full and accurate records as required.
- Serve fluid pasteurized milk which meets USDA, State and local standards.
- Maintain a HACCP and SOP plan for food safety.
- Comply with nondiscrimination regulations. Complete annual civil rights training.
- Make all records pertaining to the milk program available for audit and reviews.
- Keep records for 3 years plus the current year to which they pertain.



Pricing Structure

Regular (Option 1)	All children are charged a price per half-pint of milk. The amount charged to the children reflects the difference between the federal reimbursement rate and the cost of the milk. There are no applications for free or reduced-price (all kids pay for cost of the milk they receive).
Free (Option 2)	Free and reduced-price applications are taken. Children who qualify for free meal benefits receive milk at no cost. Schools are reimbursed the full dairy cost of milk served to children who qualify for free benefits. Children from <u>non</u> -low income families pay for their milk. Schools receive the regular reimbursement for these children.
Non-pricing (Option 3)	Milk is provided to all children without charge. No free & reduced-price applications are taken. Sponsor receives regular milk reimbursement.

Reimbursement:

Sponsoring Agencies receive reimbursement at the annually set rate for each half pint of milk served to children. The reimbursement rate is less than the actual cost of the milk, except in pricing programs which serve milk free to eligible children (these pricing programs must be monitoring income eligibility). **The 2015-2016 reimbursement rate is \$0.20/half pint of milk.**

Additional Resources:

For further information about reimbursements, program regulations, menu planning, and more for the Special Milk Program, go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov> or contact the USOE Child Nutrition Programs and ask for the Special Milk Program Specialist:

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