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# SNAPA MONDAY MORNING

AUGUST 29, 2022



The new school year comes with changes to how students purchase or receive school meals—a change that might be confusing to families who are used to meals being available at no charge since March 2020.

To help in sharing this important information with your district's families, SNA has created a short video—available in both English and Spanish—that lays out these changes for SY2022-23.

We encourage you to share the videos via social media, your district's website, school newsletters and other methods of communications to ensure that families who must apply for free and reduced-price meals submit their applications as soon as possible.

[Watch the Video \(English\)](#)

[Watch the Video \(Spanish\)](#)



Mark your calendars for October 10-14, 2022 to celebrate National School Lunch Week! Click [HERE](#) for more information and ideas to make this year's celebration a success!



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT SNAPA CONNECTS!  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

September 21, 2022  
2:30pm - 3:30pm

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

**FAME  
AWARDS  
2023**

2023 FAME Awards Nominations are open now through September 23rd, 2022!

Basic American Foods Annual FAME Awards recognize outstanding heroes in K-12 foodservice. We encourage all BAF field sales and agency K-12 specialists to submit at least one nomination for a FAME Award.

Click here to submit your FAME Award nomination.

The 34th annual awards ceremony will be held during the School Nutrition Industry Conference in January 2023.

## PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REMINDERS:

Sponsors should check their "house" message center in PEARS weekly to ensure communications from PFE are received timely in the event a sponsor did not receive a Broadcast Email. Please contact your IT Department to whitelist (mark as safe) messages from RA-EDPDE\_CNP-NOREPLY@pa.gov. Recent messages sent include:

- 8/15 Food Service Equipment Grants Announcement
- 8/18 Orientation to School Food Service Operations for New Food Service Operators - Registration Open!
- 8/18 PDE Memo: Utilization of Child Nutrition Program Waivers for the 2022-23 School Year

The USDA, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (Public Law 117-103), has designated \$30 million to State agencies to competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible School Food Authorities (SFA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN) is receiving \$1,047,427 to distribute to schools through a competitive grant process. The 2022 Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant (FSEG) Application was previously accessible in a paper application format. PDE has transitioned to a web-based [eGrants](#) application. Mailed, emailed, or scanned copies will no longer be accepted.

PDE will be hosting a Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant Webinar for interested SFAs on August 31, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:30.

[Click here to join the meeting on August 31st at 9:30am](#)

The application is set to open "live", around September 1, 2022. The 2022 Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant application, FAQ List, the USDA memo and other related information are available to view prior to entry in eGrants on PEARS Download Forms, SNP - Grants, Contests, and Other Opportunities section. It is essential that the school reads through all the information carefully and submit the application by **October 14, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonene Matter at 717-783-6553, or by email at RA-EDEQUIPGRANT@pa.gov.

Nutrition Education & Professional Development Committee

We are in the process of developing a new training initiative for our members. Please take a moment to complete this survey. Your feedback is appreciated and helps us develop sessions based on your needs. Please scan the code below to start the survey.

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