

Break for a Plate | Summer Feeding Program

SCHOOL MAY BE OUT,
**BUT NO
CHILD
SHOULD
BE LEFT
HUNGRY.**

YOU CAN FEED THEM.



WHATEVER THEY DO ON THEIR SUMMER VACATION, YOU CAN GIVE THEM THE ENERGY TO DO IT.



Nationally, more than 21 million children take part in the National School Lunch Program during the school year. However, only 3 million of them receive meals through the federal Summer Food Service Program.

Here in Alabama, we lead the Southeast in filling the summer “nutrition gap” in underserved areas of the state. So when children begin their summer break, they can also Break for a Plate.

Administered in Alabama by the Alabama State Department of Education and the USDA, Break for a Plate Summer offers free summer meals for all Alabama children up to 18 years of age – two free meals every day.

Through Break For A Plate, Alabama children receive meals to combat summertime food insecurity and learning loss.



STEP UP TO THE PLATE – AS A SPONSOR

We invite you to join us at Break for a Plate Summer. It's a simple way to make a big difference in the lives of children in your community. You can fill in the gaps – both in terms of enabling kids and teens to continue to eat healthy meals throughout the summer months, as well as through establishing a needed site in an underserved area, city or county.

You'll be assisting parents who may not be able to provide healthy meals for their children, while helping educate all Alabamians on the importance of good nutrition.

HOW IT WORKS

The Break for a Plate Summer program is fairly simple. As a sponsor, you'll be reimbursed based on the number of meals you serve, times rate of reimbursement.

Sponsors and sites are deemed eligible based on USDA and ASDE requirements. Upon becoming a sponsor, your site is listed in our Location Finder, available on our website, breakforaplate.com/summer. The Location Finder lists sites in your community offering free meals to children.

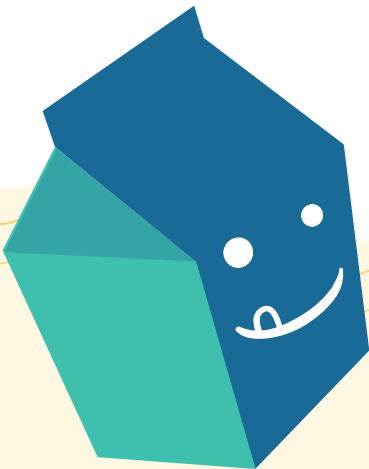


WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

The following types of organizations can all apply to be sponsors in the Break for a Plate free summer meals program:

- Public or private nonprofit, K-12 schools
- Units of local/municipal/county/tribal/state government
- Private nonprofit organizations
- Public or private nonprofit camps
- Public or private nonprofit universities or colleges
- Churches

If your organization wants to operate a site where children can come Break for a Plate, sponsors and sites need to be determined eligible by June 15 each year to meet USDA requirements. If you're a new sponsor, you'll want to apply early, for training scheduled in April and May.



THE BREAK FOR A PLATE SUMMER PROGRAM ONLY OPERATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.

HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR

If your organization is capable of meeting USDA regulations and guidelines for providing healthy meals to children, we encourage you to apply to participate in Break for a Plate Summer.

Contact our office at 334-694-4659 to schedule a meeting with our staff or to register for our next Sponsor Training Workshop. For more information, visit breakforaplate.com/summer.



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