**What is the Award?**

The **Summer Sunshine Awards** acknowledge the outstanding achievements and hard work involved throughout the Western Region states in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The Awards:

* encourage and acknowledge innovation, recognize sponsors who serve hard to reach communities
* provide recognition to sponsors who have increased the number of summer meals served at its sites
* provide recognition to sponsors who work closely with organizations to strengthen the summer meals programs in local communities.

**Eligibility: All sponsors operating the SFSP or National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option are eligible to apply or be nominated for the following categories:**

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| **Program Expansion in Local Communities** | **Successful Community Partnerships** | **Reaching Rural and Underserved Communities** | **Innovative Strategies to Attract more Participants** |
| This award will go to a sponsor(s) who has substantially increased the number of summer meals served at its sites. | This award will go to a sponsor(s) who collaborated with other organizations to strengthen their Summer Food Service Program in local communities. | This award will go to a sponsor(s) who started or expanded a summer meal program to a distinct population of children or challenging community. | The award will go to a sponsor(s) who created great marketing strategies to attract more participants to join the fun, and promoted healthy eating throughout the summer months. |

**Shine for a great cause and support the Summer Sunshine Awards**

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| sfsp-logo.gif | **When are applications and nominations due?**  *Friday, September 13, 2013.*  **Where can I get more Information?**  Contact your local State Agency at *503-947-5894* or visit *http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=208* | **sunshine2.jpg** |



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**2013 Nominations**

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