

Turnip the Beet Award for SFSP and SSO is back for 2021

- The Turnip the Beet Award by USDA-FNS is created to recognize sponsors who put in extra effort to serve high quality meals for children that are appealing, appetizing, and nutritious during the summer months.
- Sponsors can learn about the standards of a high-quality meal by utilizing the following resources:
 - [The Nutrition Guide for Sponsors](#) includes best practices and tips for serving high quality meals and incorporating local foods, as well as sample cycle menus.
 - [The Team Nutrition Resource Library](#) has free nutrition education materials to help reinforce and complement the nutrition messages taught by serving healthful foods.
 - [The Farm to Summer Factsheet](#) describes how to “bring the farm” to summer sites.
 - [The Summer Meals Toolkit](#) offers healthy menu planning ideas and tips for serving meals family style.
- Sponsors may self-nominate or be nominated by others.
- The start date of the Turnip the Beet Award is May 15, 2021 and nominations must be submitted to the South Dakota DOE-CANS office by **September 3, 2021**.
- All questions on the nomination sheet must be answered to be considered for the awards.
- Please check out the Turnip the Beet Facts Sheet and Nomination Form:
 - [TUB facts 2021](#)
 - [TUB Nomination Form 2021](#)
- Three award levels are available: gold, silver, and bronze. All winners receive a certificate. Silver and gold winners will be featured on USDA’s blog and gold winners will be identified on FNS’ summer site finder.