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State Office of Special Nutrition Programs Announces Availability of 2024 Summer Food Service Program Sponsor Application

The State Office of Special Nutrition Programs at the Virgin Islands Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the 2024 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsor Application.

Any public or non-profit organization interested in obtaining a Sponsor Application Package or additional information may contact the State Office of Special Nutrition Programs at 340-774-0100 extension 2812. This contact number can be used by interested organizations in both districts. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 26, 2024.

School aged children from 2 years old to 18 years old may receive free meals through the SFSP. Additionally, individuals aged 19 and over, who have a mental or physical disability as determined by a State or Local Educational Agency, and who participate during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program established for the mentally or physically disabled, are eligible to receive meals.

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 $\underline{https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR\%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf}$

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Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

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