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To apply, please complete the online version at <https://educator.fuelup.org/>

Fuel Up Equipment Grant 2025-2026

Deadline: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Overview of Fuel Up Equipment Grant Application 2025-2026

- One of two nutrition equipment kits—each valued at \$2,000—is available to qualified K-12 schools to improve access to nutritious foods.

[Fuel Up Equipment Grant Options](#)

- Your application must demonstrate how the funding will increase your students' access to and their consumption of dairy products (milk, yogurt, cheese). Your local Dairy Council can help you with ideas for how to increase dairy; find their contact information [HERE](#).

Eligibility

- Open to K-12 schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- Schools that have received funds or equipment in the past, or were declined in the past, can apply again.
- Schools that have received a Fuel Up grant in the past three years must have submitted all required final reporting.

Process

- Complete and submit the [online application](#) by **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**.
- Applications will be evaluated based on a variety of factors, including school enrollment, student reach, in-school support, school location, and the sustainability of the proposed program. Consideration will be given to schools in underserved communities whose students are most at risk for poor nutrition and childhood obesity.
- Applicants will receive decision notifications via email within eight weeks after the Application Deadline.
- Equipment will be shipped at back-to-school time (August/September 2025).

Reporting

If approved, your school will be expected to submit an online report at the end of the school year, including:

- The impact of your initiative on your students, staff, school, and community.
- Average Dairy Participation (ADP) for breakfast and lunch, as well as dairy sales data. Please work with your School Nutrition/Food Service Manager to supply this information.

Application Assistance

You are encouraged to contact your [local Dairy Council](#) with questions about the application process. They can be especially helpful in suggesting ways to increase dairy consumption at your school.

For technical assistance with the application, please contact the [Fuel Up Help Desk](#).

Sample Application - Fuel Up Equipment Grant 2025-2026

Contact Information

Your Name:

Email Address:

Job Title:

Who will be the lead person at your school in 2025-2026 responsible for implementing the equipment as outlined in this application, if awarded? *(Note: MUST be a school or district employee, NOT a parent or outside individual working with the school.)*

Name:

Email Address:

Job Title:

School Information

School District:

District Enrollment:

School:

School Enrollment:

Grade Levels:

School Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Number:

District's Federal Employer Identification Number:

(Note: This is a 9-digit number in the following format XX-XXXXXXX. Also called the Tax ID Number or the Federal EIN. It is NOT the same as tax-exempt number or State EIN.)

School Meal Information

Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?

- Yes
- No

Does your school participate in the School Breakfast Program?

- Yes
- No

Is your school currently implementing any of the following universal meal options?

- Yes
- No

If yes, which universal meal option does it implement? (Select all that apply.)

- Community Eligibility Program
- Provision 2
- Locally funded universal free meals ("Non-Pricing")

What is the percentage of students at your school eligible to receive free/reduced priced school lunch?

- 0%
- 1-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-99%
- 100%

What meal programs are *currently* in place in your school? (Check all that apply.)

- Breakfast in the Classroom
- Grab-n-Go Breakfast
- Second Chance Breakfast
- Summer Meals
- Afterschool Snack/Meal Program
- Supper Program
- Other (please describe): _____
- None of the above

If your school is awarded the equipment, how do you plan to use it?

- To increase participation in our current meal programs
- To implement a new meal program like Grab-n-Go Breakfast
- To expand the current menu options in the cafeteria to include smoothies
- To continue current meal programs or menu options by replacing worn equipment

School Metrics

Please gather the data shown in the table below to fill in online. For ADP (Average Daily Participation), please enter the AVERAGE number of students who participate daily in school BREAKFAST and LUNCH. *(Note: Enter the **average** number of students, **NOT** a percent. The number cannot exceed your total school enrollment. If you do not serve breakfast, enter 0.)*

Participating Schools	Enrollment	Total Students Eligible F/R	ADP Breakfast	ADP Lunch
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On average, how many more meals do you anticipate serving per day as a result of implementing the new equipment?

Pre-COVID Studies by No Kid Hungry showed that:

- 88% of students eat when served in classroom
- 59% eat when served in hallway/grab 'n' go
- 58% eat when offered a second chance breakfast

Comments regarding your school breakfast and lunch counts. (Optional)

[Your text here]

Shipping Information

Please provide the shipping contact and shipping address for the equipment, if your application is approved.

Shipping Contact Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Shipping Building Name:

Shipping Address Line 1:

Shipping Address Line 2:

Shipping City:

Shipping State:

Shipping ZIP:

Does the shipping location above have a loading dock?

- Yes
- No

Implementation Plan for Your School Nutrition Equipment

Notes:

- Your plan should increase students' access to and consumption of nutrient-rich foods, including fat-free and low-fat dairy, whole grains, fruits and vegetables.
- Remember that your application needs to explain how your plan is sustainable and will continue in future school years.
- Before completing this section, we encourage you to review and explore Fuel Up's school meal program resources for ideas and support on selecting equipment:
<https://www.fuelup.org/resources/nutrition>.
- You may also want to check out the [USDA's 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines](#).

Please select the nutrition equipment that you would like to implement at your school:

- Healthy Start Smoothie Cart
- Mobile Meal Carts

Briefly describe how you will implement your equipment. Tell us what your school and school nutrition department will be doing and how the equipment will help support your plan.

[Your text here]

Describe how your equipment will increase students' access to and consumption of dairy products (e.g., milk, yogurt, cheese). (Contact your [Local Dairy Council](#) for ideas on how to increase dairy products.)

[Your text here]

Explain how your school will continue with the equipment in future years.

[Your text here]

School Administrator/Staff Involvement

Please indicate below that you have support and approval from the following key individuals at your school:

Principal's name:

Principal's email address:

- Your principal approves this application and will fully support the proposed program and requirements, if awarded.

School Nutrition Professional's name:

School Nutrition Professional's email address:

- Your School Nutrition Professional approves this application and will fully support the proposed program and requirements, if awarded.

Grant Guidelines and Terms

In order to submit this application:

- Read the Guidelines and Terms below.
- Check the box below to indicate you have read and agree to the terms.
 - I have read and agree to the terms below.

By submitting this application, I agree on behalf of my school that I will oversee the funding and/or equipment/goods/services to ensure everything is used as outlined in this application. I also confirm that the above information is true and complete.

Grant Guidelines and Terms

- If the application is approved, your school must comply with all reporting requirements where you will be asked to document the use and impact of the grant (see Grant Reporting section below).
- Grant requests may only be submitted by schools, not individuals.
- There is one application deadline for the 2025-2026 school year: Tuesday, April 8, 2025.
- Limit one equipment package per school, valued at \$2,000.
- Fuel Up Equipment is meant to stimulate activities that lead to lasting change within the school environment.
- Schools are eligible to apply for Fuel Up Equipment if they have received other Fuel Up monies in previous years (from Dairy Council, NFL or other program supporters); however:
 - The current application must include a plan for activities that are different from or build upon past funded initiatives.
 - Schools that received Fuel Up grants in the past must have submitted all required reporting.
- Schools are eligible to apply even if they have received other funding to support health, physical activity and wellness at their school.
- Applicants will receive email notification of decisions within eight weeks after the Grant deadline. If awarded, your selected equipment will be received at back-to-school time (August/September 2025).

Grant Reporting

- Schools that receive equipment must complete an online report at the end of the 2025-2026 school year to document activities and impact. This report will require the following school meal information for the previous (2024-2025) and current (2025-2026) school years:
 - School Enrollment
 - Average Daily Participation (ADP) for Breakfast
 - Average Daily Participation (ADP) for Lunch
 - Total milk units distributed for the school year
 - Total single-serve yogurt units for the school year
 - Total bulk units of yogurt for the school year
- Failure to comply with the required reporting may prohibit the school from receiving future funding.

Grant Amounts and Limits

Each school will be awarded a single equipment kit, valued at \$2,000. Equipment should be incorporated into the school's food service program by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Use of Equipment

- Equipment should be used to increase access to and consumption of healthy foods, including dairy, for all students.
- The equipment selected as part of this application cannot be changed once the application is submitted.
- Grant recipient agrees to use the equipment as outlined in the approved application.
- Recipient will not use Fuel Up equipment to:
 - Influence legislation
 - Influence the outcome of any public election or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive
 - Make any grant to any other individual or organization
 - Undertake any activity other than for charitable, scientific or educational purposes

Other Terms

- Equipment is the property of the school that is approved and may not be transferred to another school, institution or individual without prior written approval of the Fuel Up funder.
- Schools receiving equipment agree to provide information about use of the equipment if requested by National Dairy Council, local Dairy Council or GENYOUth.
- All information provided in connection with the Fuel Up Equipment Grant Application, including all related communications, is true, correct and complete.
- Equipment recipient will maintain complete and accurate records for the program and will make such records available to Dairy Council and GENYOUth Foundation upon request.
- Equipment recipient agrees to share success, if requested, to demonstrate progress made toward creating a healthy and active school community.