

SUPERIOR NON-CONGREGATE SITE AWARD

The Superior Site Award recognizes SFSP or SSO sponsors and SITE representatives that operated an open NON-CONGREGATE SITE that went above and beyond to gain and maintain participation. In addition to implementing participation-boosting practices, sponsors will earn points based on the increase in participation and the length of time the site operates. Sponsors and site representatives are encouraged to submit supporting documentation.

To apply for this award, please submit:

- **A slide presentation**, 3-5 slides, no more than 40 words per slide plus notes as needed. **These slides are your application!** Make sure you address all of the criteria from the rubric in your slides. The presentation should demonstrate how you gained and maintained participation throughout summer at a NON-CONGREGATE SITE. Examples may include how volunteers supported the site, program changes made in response to feedback, how the site was marketed and promoted, and special events. The length of the site operation will impact the number of points awarded.
- **Bonus: Supporting Documentation.** Include relevant materials such as news clips, social media posts, photos, testimonials, surveys, outreach materials, community or State Agency feedback, special events, and meal-site activities.

See the next page's rubric for point values and submission guidance. Note: NCDPI will calculate the days of site operation based on the 2026 site application.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Email your presentation and all attachments in one message to carolinahungerinitiative@unc.edu. Use the subject line: **"2026 Summer Nutrition Champion Awards – Your Sponsor/Stakeholder Name."** Label each file with the award title and sponsor/stakeholder name (e.g., **"Superior Non-Congregate Site – Apple County Schools"**). See the awards overview page for details.

All nominations should be submitted no later than Monday, November 30, 2026 by 5 PM.

Awardees will be recognized at the January 2027 SummerPalooza training summits and may be invited to give a brief presentation. Presentation details will be provided to awardees. Nominees will be evaluated by the Carolina Hunger Initiative. Questions? Email carolinahungerinitiative@unc.edu. Good luck!



Superior Non-Congregate Site Award Rubric

Presentation Components (up to 8 pts)	0 points (No examples)	1 point (one example)	2 points (two or more examples)	Total Points
How volunteers supported the site				
Program changes made in response to feedback				
Advertising or marketing of site				
Special events for the site (kickoff day, presentations, etc.)				

Length of Site Operation (up to 6 points) NCDPI will provide this information	0 points	2 points	4 points	6 points
	Site operated 10 or less days	Site operated between 11 and 25 days	Site operated between 26 and 40 days	Site operated 41 days or more

Bonus: Supporting Documentation	0 points	1 point	2 points
Circle one	Sponsor does not provide any relevant supporting documentation	Sponsor provides one form of relevant supporting document	Sponsor provides two or more forms of relevant supporting documentation

Bonus: Community Partnerships (1 point)	
Describe how you partnered with other organizations to expand your reach and impact	Total points: out of 17

