

For Illinois School Food Authorities (SFAs)

Each eligible SFA will review and submit the SFAs selection on the below Supply Chain Assistance Attestation Statement in WINS. The text of this document is provided for review purposes only.

The SCA funding timeline is below:

If the SCA Attestation is completed in WINS with a YES by the following Date:	The SFA should anticipate receiving SCA funding in
March 18, 2022	Early April 2022
April 18, 2022	Early May 2022
May 18, 2022	Early June 2022
June 17, 2022	Early July 2022
<i>If any SFA does not submit the SCA attestation by June 17, 2022, all remaining SCA funds will be used for the reallocation process as required by USDA. This will occur in August/September 2022. ISBE will release additional information about the reallocation process in August 2022.</i>	

Supply Chain Assistance Attestation Statement

Per the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidance, as an eligible School Food Authority (SFA), you must submit the following Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Attestation Statement by selecting YES or NO below.

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Requirements

An eligible SFA, must agree to the following conditions to request SCA funding:

- Agrees to participate in the USDA funded School Nutrition Programs for all currently enrolled students (schools, grade groups, etc.) for the duration of the period of performance for SCA (date of attestation through September 30, 2023), or until SCA funds are depleted, whichever comes first;
- Confirms that the posted enrollment number reflects SFA enrollment in the USDA School Nutrition Programs;
- Experiencing supply chain disruptions and related financial difficulties/need which include unanticipated cancellation of food and supply contracts, lack of availability of certain foods, unexpected substitutions of food products, unpredictable increases in food and supply prices, and other obstacles related to supply chain situation of the USDA funded school nutrition program operations;
- Will only use funds to purchases domestic unprocessed or minimally processed foods in a wide variety of minimal processing states (whole, cut, pureed, etc.) and/or forms (fresh, frozen, canned, dried, etc.);
 - Some allowable food products include:
 - fluid milk and other dairy foods such as cheese or yogurt;
 - fruit and vegetables (including 100% juices);
 - grain products such as pastas and rice;
 - meats (whole, pieces, or food items such as ground meats); and
 - meat alternatives such as beans or legumes.
 - Some unallowable food products include:
 - Significantly processed or prepared food items
 - Pre-made pizza;
 - Baked goods, such as breads, muffins, or crackers;
 - French fries, hash browns, or any formed potato items;
 - Pre-packaged sandwiches or meals;
 - Other prepared and/or precooked items such as chicken nuggets; and
 - Non-domestic food products.
- Will not use funds for any labor, indirect, or other administrative expenses;

- Agrees to use funding for current/future allowable expenses;
- Will comply with nonprofit school food service account requirements as detailed at 7 CFR 210.14;
- Will comply with all recordkeeping and review requirements per 7 CFR 210.9(b)(17) and 7 CFR 210.18, which would include maintaining documentation demonstrating appropriate use of SCA funds; and
- Will comply with all applicable Federal procurement and financial management requirements per 2 CFR 200.

As legally authorized by the SFA, **YES**, I attest that the SFA meets the SCA requirements listed above and requests SCA funding as posted.

As legally authorized by the SFA, **NO**, I attest that the SFA does NOT request SCA funding for the projected payment. The SFA may be eligible for reallocation of SCA funds, at a later time.

Complete guidance, including frequently asked questions from the USDA, are found at the links below and subject to change:

- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/allocation-supply-chain-assistance-funds>
 - [SP 03-2022 Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance \(SCA\) Funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the School Meal Programs](#)
 - [SP03-2022 Attachment A – Questions and Answers](#)