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2019 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM APPLICATION AVAILABLE

ST. THOMAS, USVI –The Virgin Islands Department of Education, State Office of Special Nutrition Programs announces the availability of the 2019 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsor Application.

Any public or non-profit organization interested in obtaining a Sponsor Application Package or more information may contact the State Office of Special Nutrition Programs at (340) 774-0100 x 2817 (St. Thomas-St. John and St. Croix). **The application deadline is Friday, May 3, 2019.**

School age children 2 - 18 years may receive free meals through SFSP. A person 19 years of age and over who has mental or physical disability (as determined by a State or Local Educational Agency) and who participates during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program (established for the mentally or physically disabled) is also eligible to receive meals.

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