Program Overview

Apply for the SMP today:

* All applicants can obtain application materials on the [Special Milk Program](http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutrimilk) webpage (http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutrimilk)
* **Schools** that are interested in applying for the SMP will submit their SMP application during the annual renewal application process, online, by selecting SMP for those schools that will be participating.
* **Camps and institutions** that are interested in applying for the SMP should contact the CDE Office of School Nutrition, by email to Erica Boyd at boyd\_e@cde.state.co.us, and an application will be provided.

The Special Milk Program (SMP) provides milk to children in public or nonprofit schools, residential childcare institutions and camps that do not participate in any other federal Child Nutrition Programs. SMP is administered by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) School Nutrition Unit, and reimbursement is provided by the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA), for each half pint of milk served.

Any child at a participating school, high school, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program can receive milk through the SMP. Children may buy milk at a reduced cost or receive it free, depending on the school’s choice of program options.

The federal reimbursement is based on each half pint of milk sold to children. For the latest reimbursement rates visit the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website at: [USDA School Meals- Rates of Reimbursement](http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement) (http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/rates-reimbursement)

What Can Be Served?

Schools, camps or institutions must serve pasteurized, fluid milk. These milks must meet all state and local standards and must contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration.

**Milk Options:**

• 1 percent (low-fat) white, unflavored milk

• Skim (fat-free) white, unflavored milk

• Skim (fat-free), flavored milk



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