

**2026 Turnip the Beet Awards
State Agency and Regional Office Checklists**

Sponsor Name: _____

Section 1: State Agency Checklist and Signature

- ☐ The nominated sponsor participated in either the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option in Summer 2026.
- ☐ The nominated sponsor is in good standing (i.e., the sponsor had no major findings and program violations or completed and implemented all corrective actions from the last compliance review, was not found seriously deficient in the past two years as of the time of the nomination, and has never been terminated from the Summer Food Service Program [SFSP] or Seamless Summer Option [SSO]).
- ☐ Through the documentation submitted, the nominated sponsor has demonstrated compliance with meal pattern requirements per USDA Food and Nutrition Administration regulations and policy, based on the type of program (SFSP or SSO).
- ☐ The sponsor's name and address on the application are complete, legible, and correct.
Note: P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable.

As the State agency reviewer, your signature hereby confirms that the attached nomination packet is complete, and all the above statements are true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____

Job Title: _____

State Agency: _____

Email Address: _____

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Section 2: Regional Office Checklist and Signature

- ☐ The nomination packet is complete, including:
- ☐ Sponsor name and contact information (P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable)
 - ☐ Responses to short answer questions
 - ☐ One-month menu (one calendar month or four consecutive weeks) per service type **OR** an explanation of why a one-month menu is not available
 - ☐ Sufficient menu documentation to evaluate based on award criteria
 - ☐ Completed and signed State agency checklist

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____

Regional Office: _____

Date submitted to RO: _____