In order to carry out the purpose of Section 17 of the National School Lunch Program, as amended, and the Regulations governing the Child and Adult Care Food Program (referred to as “CACFP”) set forth in 7 CFR 226 and Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, the New York State Department of Health (referred to as the “State”) and the institution (referred to as the “Sponsor”) whose name and address appear above, enter into the following agreement effective __________. This agreement is binding on the Sponsor as long as it receives funds from the State or has a program fund balance. The agreement may be terminated by mutual consent between the State and the Sponsor or by the State for breach of this agreement or other reasons of cause.

The Program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by the regulations of the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 15), DOJ (28) CFR Parts 42 and 50) and FNS directives or regulations issued pursuant to that Act and the regulations, to the effect that, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant received Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measures necessary to fulfill this agreement.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants, and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant, or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food, and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.

By accepting this assurance, the Program applicant agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Program applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on the behalf of the Program applicant.

A. The SPONSOR agrees:
1. To accept final administrative and financial responsibility for management of a proper, efficient and effective nonprofit food service program and for CACFP operations at all centers listed in the Sponsor’s approved application, all subsequent renewal application(s), all Application for Participation and Management Plan for Sponsors of Day Care Centers (DOH-5164), all Application for Participation of Individual Centers (DOH-3682) and all other documents submitted to the State that may be amended from time to time.
2. To comply with and meet all responsibilities and requirements set forth in 7 CFR 226, FNS Instructions and 2 CFR 200 which are further described in policy memos issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the State.
3. Not to transfer any of its rights and responsibilities.
4. To obtain State approval for any new center prior to claiming CACFP reimbursement.
5. To ensure meals served in centers meet the meal pattern requirements as specified in CACFP regulations.
6. To only claim those meals which have been approved by the State and served to children or adults in attendance at the centers.
7. To use CACFP funds exclusively for its participation in CACFP and primarily for food to provide reimbursable meals to participants and improve the overall food service.
8. To permit State officials with photo identification to make announced or unannounced visits during normal work hours to observe CACFP operations and to review any records, books and accounts needed to determine compliance with CACFP regulations.
9. To notify the public about its nondiscrimination policy and procedures for filing a complaint.
10. To maintain a financial management system which follows generally accepted accounting principles and procedures.
11. To comply with all applicable Federal audit requirements. If an audit is required, it will meet the requirements of 2 CFR 200 Subpart F. The audit report must be submitted within 30 days of the Sponsor’s receipt of the audit report from the independent auditor, or nine months after the end of the audit period, whichever is sooner.
12. To maintain complete and accurate records, including those to support each monthly claim for reimbursement, for the past three fiscal years plus the current year, or until resolution of any outstanding reviews or audits.
13. To submit to the State monthly claims for reimbursement on the form or in electronic format required by the State. The initial claim must be submitted within 60 days following the last day of the claiming month.
14. To return or repay to the State any overpayments or unearned money upon demand, if the State determines that the reimbursement earned during a fiscal year is less than the amount paid.
15. That if it is a for-profit center, or has a for-profit center under its administration, to only claim reimbursement for meals served in months when 25% of the enrolled children (or 25% of the licensed capacity, whichever is less) receive subsidized tuition payments for child care services or are eligible for free or reduced-price meal reimbursement.
16. That if it is a for-profit adult center, to only claim reimbursement for meals served in months when the Sponsor receives Medicaid payments for day care services for 25% of the enrolled adults.
17. Not to use money provided by the State for any partisan political activity, to influence legislation or to help elect or defeat any candidate for public office.
18. Not to permit the Sponsor, its directors, officers, members or employees to engage in any activities promoting any political candidate or party, except as a private citizen.

B. The STATE will:
1. Comply with and meet all responsibilities and requirements for the administration of CACFP set forth in 7 CFR 226, 2 CFR 200 and any State policy memos.
2. Reimburse the Sponsor using the claiming percentage method and the meal reimbursement schedule as established by USDA.
3. Not have any financial obligation to the Sponsor if federal money is not available.
4. Provide training and technical assistance to Sponsors.
5. Propose to terminate a Sponsor’s participation in CACFP by written notice whenever it is determined by the State that the Sponsor has failed to comply with the statutes and regulations governing CACFP as outlined in 7 CFR 226 and FNS Instructions and Circulars.
6. Inform the Sponsor of its right to request a review of decisions made by the State which affect the participation of a Sponsor in CACFP or the Sponsor’s claim for reimbursement.

C. Lobbying Certification:
1. The Sponsor acknowledges that as a recipient of federal appropriated funds, it is subject to the limitations on the use of such funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions, as specified in Public Law 101-121, section 319, and codified in section 1352 of Title 31 of the United States Code. In accordance with Public Law 101-121, section 319, 31 U.S.C. 1352 and implementing regulations, the Sponsor affirmatively acknowledges and represents that it is prohibited and shall refrain from using Federal funds received under this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying; provided, however, that such prohibition does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of the Sponsor to the extent that the payment is for agency and legislative liaison activities not directly related to the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant or loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, any reasonable payment to a person in connection with, or any payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee of the Sponsor if the preparation, submission or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification thereof, or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
2. The Sponsor shall:
   a) certify by completing and filing with the State the Federal “Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements” form at the time the Sponsor submits this signed Agreement, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352;
   b) disclose specified information on any agreement with lobbyists whom the Sponsor will pay with other Federal appropriated funds by completion and submission to the State of the Federal Standard Form-LLL, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities,” in accordance with its instructions;
   c) file quarterly updates on the use of lobbyists if material changes occur, using the same standard Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form identified in (b) above to report such updated information.
3. In accordance with the above certification, the Sponsor shall require that the language of such certification shall be included in the award documents for all subcontracts entered into by the Sponsor which exceed $100,000 and that all subcontractors shall also certify and disclose accordingly.
4. The reporting requirements enumerated in subsection (b) of this paragraph shall not apply to the Sponsor with respect to:
   a) payments of reasonable compensation made to its regularly employed officers or employees;
   b) a request for or receipt of a contract (other than a contract referred to in clause (c) below), grant, cooperative agreement, subcontract (other than subcontract referred to in clause (c) below), or sub grant that does not exceed $100,000, and
   c) a request for or receipt of a loan, or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, that does not exceed $150,000, including a contract or subcontract to carry out any purpose for which such a loan is made.
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the Sponsor and that all of the information is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds from New York State; that State officials may verify information; and that deliberate misrepresentation will subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal criminal statutes. I understand that institutions and individuals providing false certifications will be placed on the National disqualified list and will be subject to any other applicable civil or criminal penalties. I further certify that neither this organization nor any of its principals has been convicted of any activity that occurred during the past seven years and that indicated a lack of business integrity which includes fraud, antitrust violations, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, receiving stolen property, making false claims, obstruction of justice, or any other activity indicating a lack of business integrity as defined by the State.

On Behalf of Sponsor:

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON/OWNER
PRINT NAME OF CHAIRPERSON OF BOARD OR OWNER OF A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
TITLE
DATE

Approval On Behalf of State:

SIGNATURE
NAME
TITLE
DATE