Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Application & Selection Process Timeline: 2025 – 2026 SY

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| **February 14, 2025** | Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) application season for the 2025-2026 School Year (SY) opens on February 14, 2025. For assistance with the FFVP application, contact Jacquelyn McGowan, Special Programs Consultant at Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov or 984-236-2909 |
| **March 7, 2025****11:59 PM** | **DEADLINE for completing FFVP online application for the 2025-2026 SY in the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS)** At this time, the FFVP application component in the SNTS closes and no more applications can be opened, and revisions can no longer be made. School Nutrition administrators with “Application Entry” access in the SNTS are responsible for entering any information not pre-populated for the School Profile as well as entering/modifying responses to the Proposal School questions. NOTE: **There is no tab to click to “Submit” the FFVP online application**. Once the information is entered, remember to **“Save”** so all is stored in the SNTS. |
| **March 14, 2025****11:59 PM** | **DEADLINE for the “Signature Pages” and “Number of Days the FFVP Operates Weekly” form with required original signatures in blue ink to be submitted electronically**. Scan/E-mail both forms to Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov to complete the FFVP application. A Signature Page is due for each applying school. One “Number of Days FFVP Operates Weekly”form per Public School Unit will suffice. These are the **only two documents** that are required **to be submitted** to NCDPI for the FFVP application process. |
| **March 2025** | NC’s FFVP applications will be reviewed and categorized in descending order from highest to lowest F/R percentage or ISP. As referenced in the *USDA* *FF&VP Handbook for Schools* and in accordance with Federal policy, schools with the highest F/R percentage or ISP will be selected to participate. Once USDA notifies NCDPI of NC’s FFVP grant allocation for the 2025-2026 SY (the timing varies each year), schools will be selected in preparation of the NC State Board of Education (SBE) to review and vote to approve. |
| **April 2025,****May 2025 or June 2025** | NC SBE will review and vote to approve the list of NC elementary schools selected for the FFVP for the 2025-2026 SY accordingly. Applying schools will be notified by the NCDPI Office of School Nutrition if selected, or not selected, for the coming school year. School Nutrition administrators will be notified of their district’s FFVP allocation for the 2025-2026 SY upon their successful completion of the FFVP required annual continuing education. |

**REQUIRED INSTRUCTION**

It is a **requirement** that a minimum of one School Nutrition administrator from the School Food Authority with a school or schools selected for the 2025-2026 FFVP participate in FFVP webinars *before* the respective FFVP funds will be released to the selected FFVP school. Webinar registration information will be included in the written notification from NCDPI to the selected schools.