

Eligibility Criteria for Institutions

- PURPOSE:** To describe the new criteria that institutions must meet to be eligible for program participation.
- SCOPE:** Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) participating institutions and potential participating institutions.
- DESCRIPTION:** Public Law 106-224 mandated new criteria that institutions must meet to be eligible for program participation.
- Institutions determined ineligible to participate in any other publicly-funded program for violating that program's requirements are ineligible to participate in CACFP. "Publicly-funded program" means any program or grant funded by Federal, State, or local government. Institutions that apply or reapply for CACFP must certify that the institution has not be disqualified from participation in any other publicly-funded program for violating that program's requirements.
  - Sponsoring organizations must have policies restricting other employment by their employees that interferes with their program responsibilities and duties. Sponsors must develop and/or review their policies on outside employment of their CACFP employees. General principles to consider in approving outside employment would include likely schedule conflicts with CACFP responsibilities and duties and ethical or conflict-of-interest issues.
- SOURCE:** Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-224); FY 00 Child and Adult Care Food Program Policy Memorandum #16