



# Cool Tropics 2024 National Advocacy Grant Application Form and Participation Guidelines

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Grant is to encourage and assist members of the Florida School Nutrition Association (FSNA) to take part in the educational experience of attending the School Nutrition Association Legislative Action Caucus in Washington, DC

## **What does the grant cover**

Grant funding will cover the cost of registration, travel, transportation, hotel and meals only. The reimbursement/ or advances will be made in accordance with the FSNA Travel Policies and Procedures.

## **Who may apply**

Any current FSNA member who is classified as a food service employee, manager, supervisor or director and has never attended an SNA Legislative Action Caucus may apply.

## **How do you apply**

Answer the following questions, using 150 words or less for all questions:

- How would you benefit by attending the SNA LAC?
- Why do you think it is important to advocate for the school nutrition program?
- What message would you like to provide to policy makers about the SNS program?

## **I will commit to assisting FSNA scheduling appointments with my Senators and Representatives – please circle one.**

Yes

No

## **I will commit to the following activities as a result of receiving this award - please choose at least 2.**

- Serving on the FSNA Public Policy and Legislative Committee (2 year term)
- Post 5 messages on the FSNA Facebook page about the visit to Washington and the importance of advocating for the school nutrition program.
- Write a two to three paragraph article for FSNA Tidbits Newsletter about the experience.
- Run for a position on the FSNA Board of Directors

**Your SFS Director must sign the application to indicate they are aware that you have applied for the Grant and you will be able to take time off to attend March 2 - 5.**

**When is the application due?** Applications must be submitted to [Info@floridaschoolnutrition.org](mailto:Info@floridaschoolnutrition.org), no later than Monday, December 11, 2023. Please look for an email that verifies that we have received your application. If you do not receive a verification email please call FSNA at 850-878-1832.

**When will the winner be announced?**

The winner will be notified by December 15, 2023. Instructions and a FSNA Expense Form will be sent to the winner. In addition the winner will be asked to participate in two to three short on-line calls to prepare for the event and become familiar with advocacy strategies that are being developed by the FSNA PP & L Committee. Winners will be expected to support and promote the SNA and FSNA advocacy strategy, platform, and messaging points during advocacy visits.

# FSNA Legislative Action Caucus Grant Application Form

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Food Service (✓) Manager \_\_\_\_\_ FS Asst. Mgr. \_\_\_\_\_ Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**Question Answers (You may submit this portion on a separate sheet.)**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Affirmed by: \_\_\_\_\_,  
District Foodservice Director or District Supervisor

**APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED and submitted to  
FSNA, 124 Salem Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Or by email to [info@floridaschoolnutrition.org](mailto:info@floridaschoolnutrition.org)**