How to Request Try it Local Reimbursement in the CNP Supplemental Payments System







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Intended Audience

This training is intended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Objectives

At the end of this training, attendees should be able to:

- understand ADE HNS' participation in the Local Food for School Cooperative Agreement Program; and,
- effectively navigate the process of purchasing and receiving Try it Local funding for eligible food purchases.

TRAINING HOURS

Information to include when documenting this training for Professional Standards:

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Quiz Time



Throughout this guide, there will be comprehension quiz questions to test your knowledge and help you apply what you're learning. Be sure to review these quiz questions and answers available within the guide.

The question mark icon below will indicate a comprehension quiz question.



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This training is intended to provide an overview of receiving Try it Local reimbursement for eligible food purchases. For more information about Try it Local, please reference <u>HNS 09-2023: Try It Local: Arizona Local Food for Schools Program and Reimbursement</u>.

Overview of the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program

SECTION 1



Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program

Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative
Agreement Program established by USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service with funding made
available through USDA's Commodity Credit
Corporation is designed to help states deal with the
challenges of supply chain disruptions brought on
by the pandemic.

Using LFS funding, the Arizona Department of Education has launched the **Try it Local: Local Food for Schools** campaign.



Try it Local: Local Food for Schools

LFS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN AZ

Through Try it Local, schools participating in NSLP can be reimbursed for local or regional produced food purchased for use in school meals.

To receive reimbursement, schools must first purchase eligible foods and then upload receipts and invoices to HNS in the online ADEConnect application: CNP Supplemental Payments. Once receipts/invoices have been submitted, they will be reviewed by HNS and reimbursement for all qualifying food purchases will be provided.





Purchase minimally processed local or regional foods to be used in school meals.



Submit invoice or receipt to HNS in ADEConnect: CNP Supplemental Payments.



Receive reimbursement for all qualifying purchased food.





HNS is here to help!

HNS has a dedicated team of specialists eager and available to help SFAs understand and procure local foods eligible for Try it Local funds.

Please submit a <u>School Interest Form</u> to connect, learn more, and start receiving funds for eligible local foods!

The remainder of this training will provide an overview of requesting Try it Local funds after eligible food purchases have been made. Entities seeking more information about Try it Local are highly encouraged to submit a <u>School Interest Form</u> to receive direct support from an HNS specialist.

Quiz Time

True or False. Through Try it Local, schools participating in NSLP can be reimbursed for unprocessed or minimally processed local or regional foods purchased for school meals.

A True.

B False.



Quiz Time

True or False. Through Try it Local, schools participating in NSLP can be reimbursed for unprocessed or minimally processed local or regional foods purchased for school meals.



B False.

True! Through Try it Local, schools participating in NSLP can be reimbursed for unprocessed or minimally processed local or regional produced food purchased for school meals.





CNP Supplemental Payments

ACCESSING THE SYSTEM

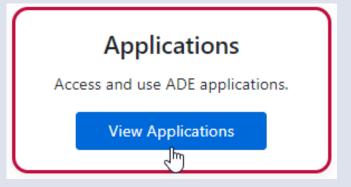
To receive Try it Local reimbursement for eligible food purchases, participating entities must provide receipts and invoices to HNS in the online ADEConnect application: CNP Supplemental Payments.

To access the CNP Supplemental Payments system, login to <u>ADEConnect</u>, select "View Applications," and then select "CNP Supplemental Payments."

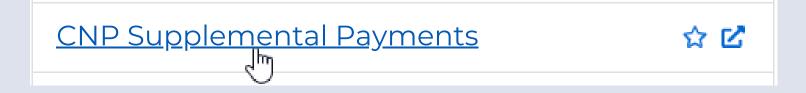
- Open a web browser, navigate to adeconnect.azed.gov, and input your username and password for ADEConnect.
- SELECT "VIEW APPLICATIONS"

 After logging in to ADEConnect, select

 "View Applications."



SELECT "CNP SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS"
Select "CNP Supplemental Payments" from the list of applications in ADEConnect.





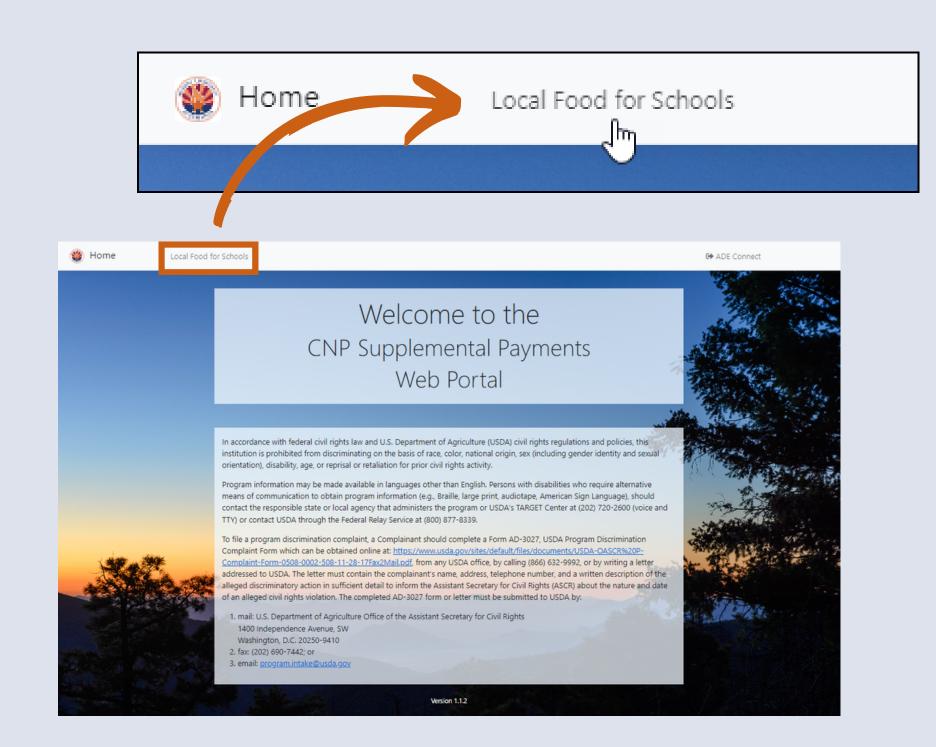
If CNP Supplemental Payments is not a listed application, you must request access from your Entity Administrator. For assistance, please use <u>ADEConnect's How to Videos</u>

CNP Supplemental Payments

NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM

After successfully logging in to the CNP Supplemental Payments system, a welcome screen will load.

To advance to submitting receipts/invoices for Try it Local reimbursement, select Local Food for Schools in the top toolbar.

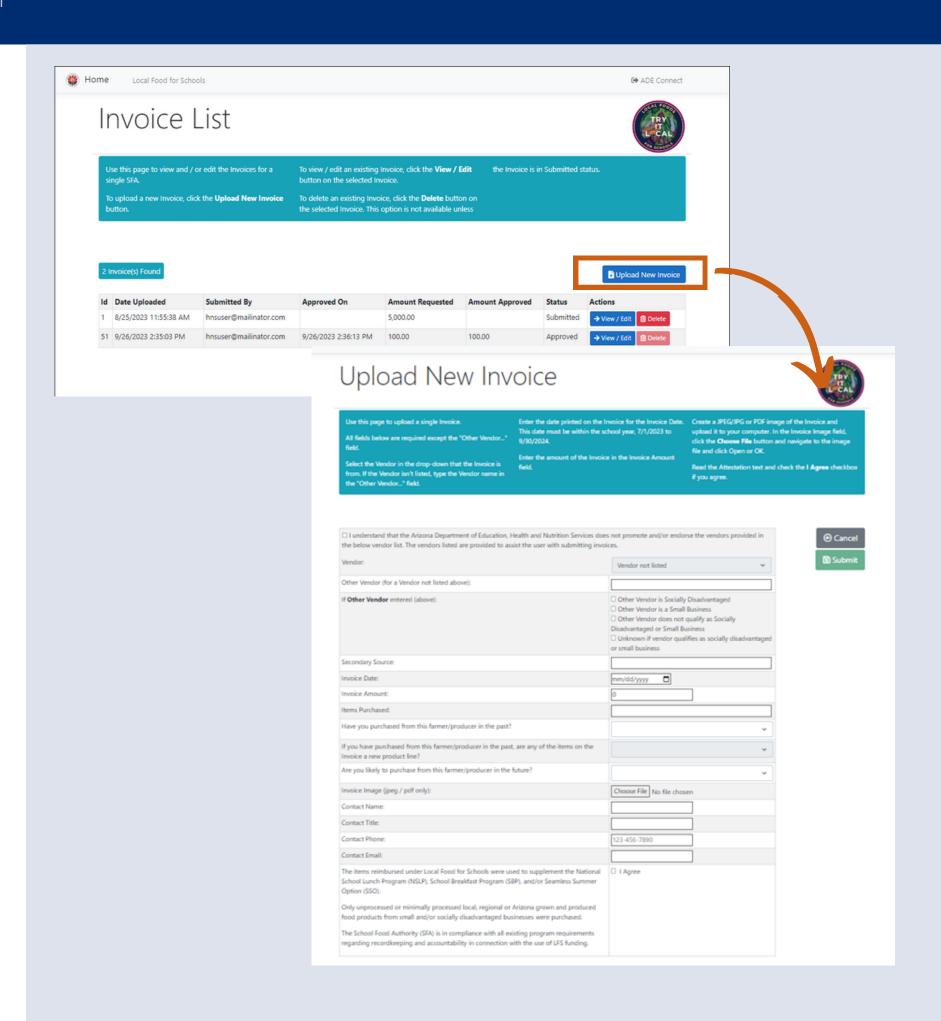


CNP Supplemental Payments

NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM

After selecting Local Food for Schools, a webpage with the entity's Invoice List for Try it Local will load. This page lists all active reimbursement requests, including invoices that have been drafted, submitted, and approved and processed for payment.

To initiate a new reimbursement request, select *Upload New Invoice*. The form to complete to request reimbursement for an eligible food purchase will load.



Submitting a Try it Local Reimbursement Request

SECTION 3

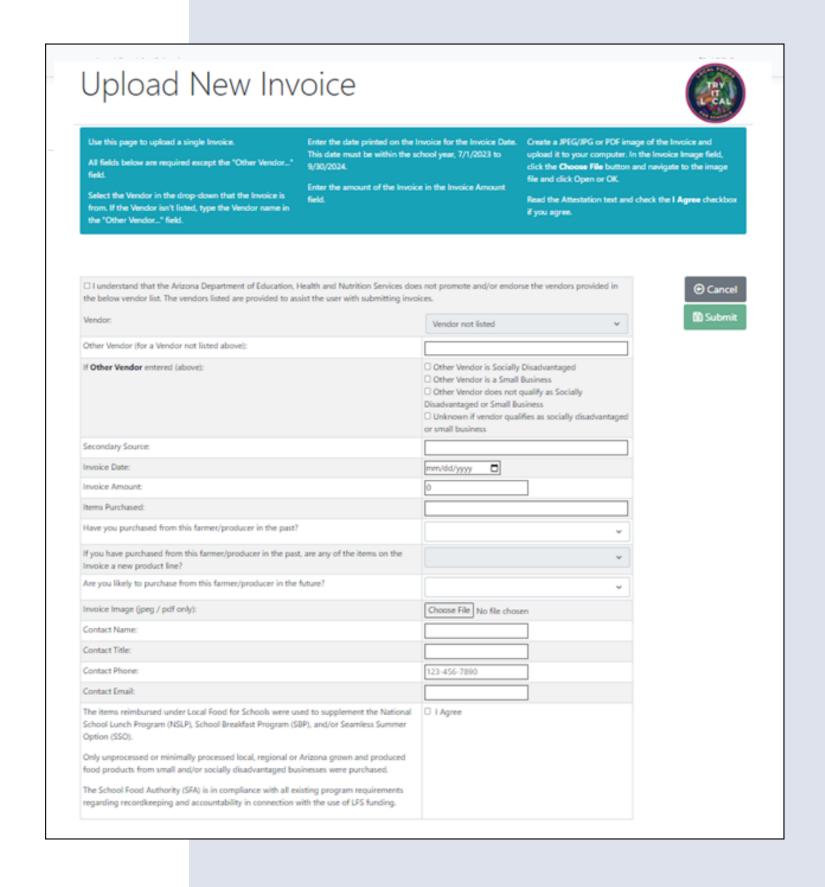


Try it Local Reimbursement Request

UPLOADING A NEW INVOICE

To request reimbursement for eligible food purchases, entities must submit an invoice form in the CNP Supplemental Payments system for each transaction with qualifying items.

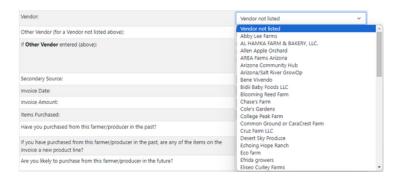
The invoice form has a total of 17 fields that collect basic information about each transaction. Instructions explaining how to complete the form are provided in the teal box.



VENDOR INFORMATION

To begin, the first field in the New Invoice Upload Form is **Vendor**. To begin, review the statement explaining that HNS does not endorse any specific vendor. Check the box if the statement is understood.

Next, select the vendor in which the eligible food purchase was procured from the dropdown list of options. If the vendor is not listed, select "Vendor not listed."



If a vendor from the dropdown is selected, responses for the following two fields, "Other Vendor (for a Vendor not listed above)" and "If Other Vendor entered (above)," will be disabled as this information has already been obtained.

Other Vendor (for a Vendor not listed above):	
	□ Other Vendor is Socially Disadvantaged □ Other Vendor is a Small Business □ Other Vendor does not qualify as Socially Disadvantaged or Small Business

OTHER VENDOR

If "Vendor not listed" is selected, input the name of the farmer/producer/grower of the product in the field titled "Other Vendor (for a Vendor not listed above)." Then, indicate if the vendor qualifies as socially disadvantaged, a small business, or neither by selecting the corresponding box.

If you are not sure, please select "Unknown if vendor qualifies as socially disadvantaged or small business." If additional information is needed to determine the vendor's eligibility, HNS will contact you.

SECONDARY SOURCE

Input the name of the distributor or aggregator in the **Secondary Source** field.

For example, if you purchase locally grown apples from a large distributor, select or input the name of the farmer/producer/grower in the Vendor or Other Vendor (for a Vendor not listed above) field and input the name of the large distributor in the Secondary Source field.

INVOICE INFORMATION

To complete the following three fields, input information from the receipt/invoice.

- Invoice Date: Input the date of the transaction. The date must fall between 7/1/23 and 6/30/24 and must match the date printed on the receipt/invoice.
- Invoice Amount: Input the total amount spent on items eligible for reimbursement*, as reflected by the invoice/receipt.
- Items Purchased: List the names of the eligible food items purchased (e.g. romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, ground beef, etc.).

HISTORY WITH VENDOR

The next three fields are collecting information on your relationship with the vendor. Input responses based on your history with the farmer/producer.

- Have you purchased from this farmer/producer in the past? Select yes or no. If yes, complete the following field by indicating if any of the items on this transaction are a new product line.
- Are you likely to purchase from this farmer/producer in the future? Select yes or no.



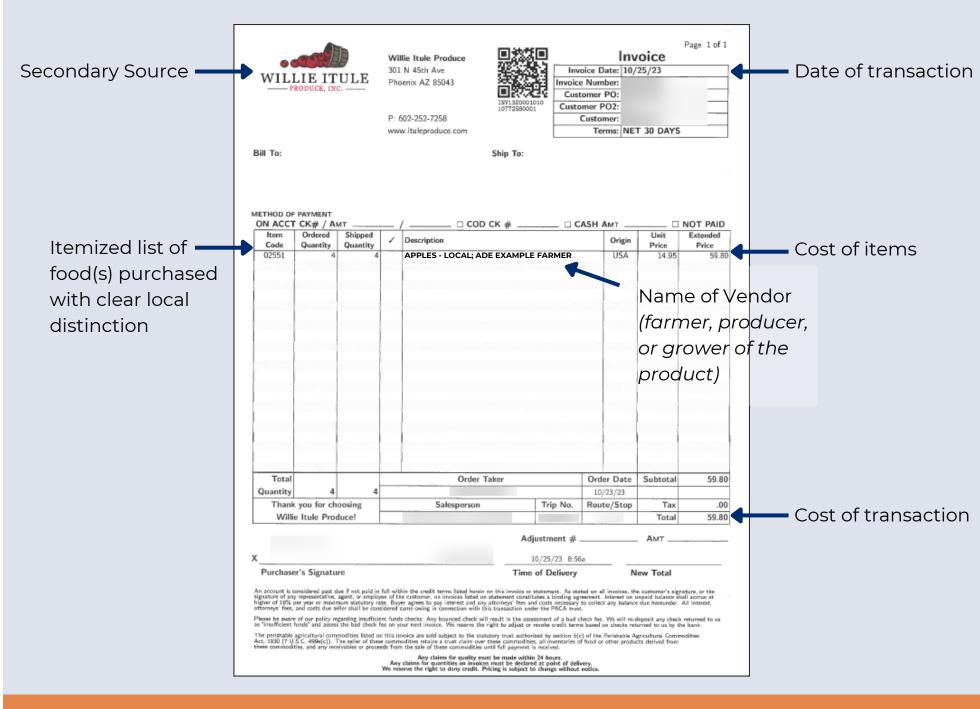
For more information about allowable foods and allowable food purchases, please reference <u>HNS 09-2024: Try It Local:</u> <u>Arizona's Local Food for Schools Program and Reimbursement</u>

INVOICE IMAGE (JPEG/PDF ONLY)

Next, submit a clear jpeg or pdf of the receipt/invoice. Ensure the image is clear and contains the following required components:

- Name of vendor (farmer, producer, or grower);
- Secondary source (if applicable);
- Itemized list of food(s) purchased with clear local distinction*;
- Cost of items;
- Total cost of transaction; and,
- Date of transaction.
- * If the product description does not indicate the product is local, please include an image of the local label on the food item packaging with the invoice upload.

EXAMPLE OF AN ACCEPTABLE RECEIPT/INVOICE UPLOAD:





The system only accepts one file upload. If more than one file must be provided, please combine the images to one file. For assistance combining jpeg and pdf files, please <u>click here</u>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Complete the following four fields by inputting the contact information for an individual with the entity who is able to answer any questions about the invoice.

Please note, to be accepted by the system, the contact phone number must be provided in the following format: 123-456-7890.

Contact Name:	
Contact Title:	
Contact Phone:	123-456-7890
Contact Email:	

ATTESTATION STATEMENT

Lastly, read the attestation statement and select "I agree" if the statement reads true.

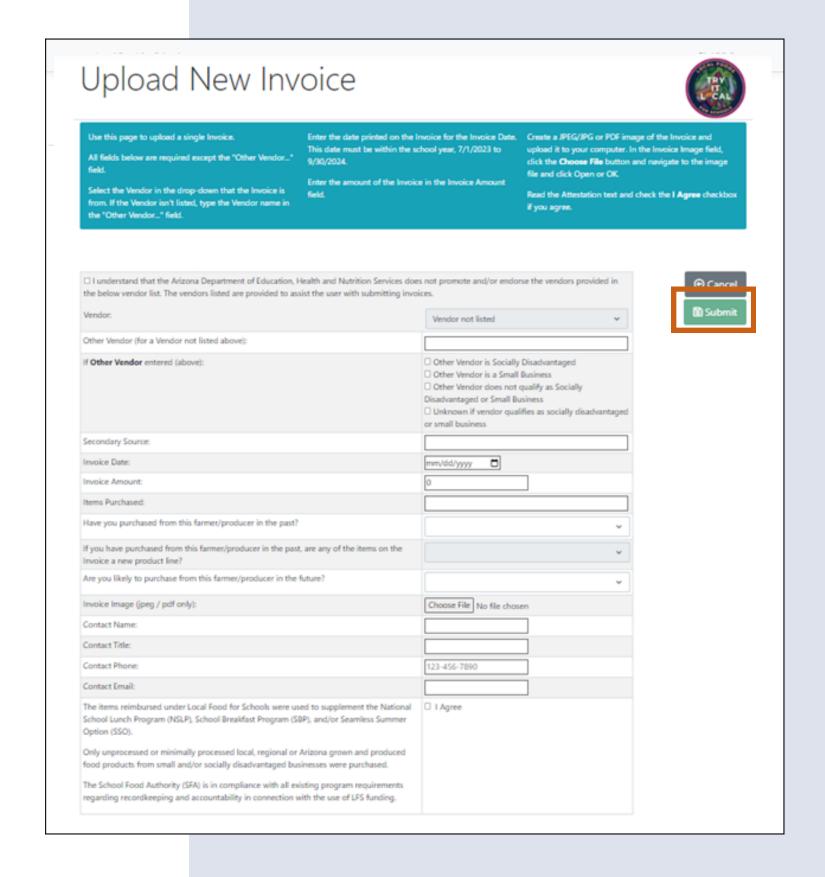
The items reimbursed under Local Food for Schools were used to supplement the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and/or Seamless Summer Option (SSO).	□ I Agree
Only unprocessed or minimally processed local, regional or Arizona grown and produced food products from small and/or socially disadvantaged businesses were purchased.	
The School Food Authority (SFA) is in compliance with all existing program requirements regarding recordkeeping and accountability in connection with the use of LFS funding.	

Submitting the New Invoice Form

Once all fields are complete, review the form for accuracy and completion and select "Submit."

If the submission is successful, you will be redirected to the Invoice List webpage.

If any fields were incomplete or incorrectly completed, the form will reload with red asterisks next to the items that require revision. Select fields will require you to reinput information. Update the information accordingly and reinput responses in fields that require new submissions.



What happens next?

RECEIVING TRY IT LOCAL REIMBURSEMENT

After an invoice form is submitted, it is reviewed by HNS and either approved or rejected.

- **Approved:** Approved invoice forms are sent to Grants Management for payment processing.
- **Rejected:** If an invoice form is rejected, the entity will be notified by HNS with an explanation of why the invoice was not approved. If the purchase qualifies for Try it Local funds, the entity will be asked to resubmit the request and will be provided with guidance to ensure the next submission is approvable.

FLOW OF TRY IT LOCAL



SFA purchases minimally processed local or regional foods to be used in school meals.



SFA submits invoice or receipt to HNS in ADEConnect: CNP Supplemental Payments.



HNS reviews the submitted invoice in ADEConnect: CNP Supplemental Payments.

APPROVED

Request sent to Grants Management for processing.

REJECTED

Request returned to SFA for either revisions or due to ineligibility of transaction.

Submitting the New Invoice Form

EXAMPLE

Based on the invoice below, the New Invoice Form on the right is an example of a complete request for reimbursement in the CNP Supplemental Payments system.



Qty	Item	Unit	Producer	Unit Price	Total
650	Melons, Watermelons	Per Pound	Crooked Sky Farms	\$1.15	\$747.50
Order Item Total: 650 Sub Total:				\$747.50	
Payment Status: Unpaid					\$747.50

☑ I understand that the Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services does not promote and/or endorse the vendors provided in the below vendor list. The vendors listed are provided to assist the user with submitting invoices.					
Vendor:	Crooked Sky Farms				
Other Vendor (for a Vendor not listed above):					
If Other Vendor entered (above):	 Other Vendor is Socially Disadvantaged Other Vendor is a Small Business Other Vendor does not qualify as Socially Disadvantaged or Small Business Unknown if vendor qualifies as socially disadvantaged or small business 				
Secondary Source:	Sun Produce Cooperative				
Invoice Date:	07/24/2023				
Invoice Amount:	747.50				
Items Purchased:	Watermelons				
Have you purchased from this farmer/producer in the past?	Yes v				
If you have purchased from this farmer/producer in the past, are any of the items on the Invoice a new product line?	No v				
Are you likely to purchase from this farmer/producer in the future?	Yes v				
Invoice Image (jpeg / pdf only):	Choose File No file chosen				
Contact Name:	John Doe				
Contact Title:	Food Service Director				
Contact Phone:	602-555-5555				
Contact Email:	j.doe@foodservice.edu				
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For assistance with items specific to general program operations, please contact HNS or your assigned HNS specialist.



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Certificate

Requesting a training certificate

Please click the button to complete a brief survey about this online training. Once the survey is complete, you will be able to print your certificate of completion from Survey Monkey.



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