

Little Chef at Home FAQ

What is the “Little Chef at Home” program?

- The Little Chef at Home program is a meal kit program that is similar to companies such as Blue Apron and Hello Fresh. These meal kits are geared towards kids, so the recipes are simple and do not contain too many components.

What does my meal kit contain?

- The meal kit will contain the recipe and all the ingredients needed to prepare the recipe.

How is this program funded if I am getting this for free?

- At the beginning of the nationwide shutdown due to COVID, the USDA has allowed us to serve free meals (breakfast and lunch) to all children under the age of 21, regardless of income. Schools are allowed to provide enough meals to students for 7 days per week. This means, 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches per child per week. The meals you will make with the meal kit will count towards these meals, allowing our Department to be reimbursed for them.

How much do you get reimbursed for each meal you serve?

- Since all meals are free to all children under the age of 21, we are reimbursed \$3.65 for each lunch we serve and \$2.26 for each breakfast we serve.

Do the meals need to meet certain requirements in order for you to receive reimbursement?

- Yes, lunches must contain a grain, meat/meat alternate, fruit, vegetable and milk. Breakfasts must contain a grain, fruit and milk.

Is this program for all kids, or just kids who are learning 100% remotely?

- This is for all kids, not just those who are learning remotely.

I forgot to order my meal kit before the deadline, can I place the order late?

- Unfortunately we cannot accept late orders. We need to know a week in advance to ensure we have enough food and supplies for everyone that ordered.

I am unable to make the designated pick up time; can someone else pick up my order for me?

- Yes you are able to have someone else pick up for you. Meal kits will be labeled, so whoever is picking up for you will just need to provide your name for pickup.