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Food Distribution & Warehousing's "2012 Best Practices Awards"

The New York State Office of General Services (OGS), Division of Food Distribution & Warehousing, will once again be presenting "Best Practices Awards", to recognize the outstanding creative and innovative efforts of schools in the USDA Food Program. Tell us about the things that you have done to make your school lunch program special! Please make sure that the use of "USDA foods" is a prominent part of your success story.

The purpose of the awards is to "Identify and acknowledge best practices in the USDA Foods Program", to "Recognize schools that have successfully implemented useful ideas and practices", and to "Share such practices with others in the state in order to initiate improvements throughout the program."

Each school must submit its application to OGS by **June 29, 2012**. OGS in conjunction with the USDA will review entries and determine the winner(s). A winning district will receive a \$5,000 award to spend within their food service program. Winners will be announced in August 2012.

The winning districts will be presented with their award, check, and a plaque at the 2012 NYSNA Annual Conference in Buffalo!

If you have won in the past two years, you are ineligible to receive this award.

We are very proud of the many successful programs in New York State, and we strongly encourage schools to submit an entry. Please contact OGS at (518) 474-5122, if you should have any questions.

**2012 BEST PRACTICES AWARDS
USDA FOODS PROGRAM
AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Please attach this form to the first page of submitted summaries. Please forward completed applications to the Office of General Services, Division of Food Distribution & Warehousing, Corning Tower Bldg. – 29th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242.

Name of Applicant (School Code & Name):

Address of Applicant:

Telephone #:

Fax #:

E-mail address:

Your District's Federal ID #: _____

Please attach a short summary describing the activity or initiative and its impact on the success of your program.