Instructions for Enrolling in the Annual Application Process for the School Nutrition Programs

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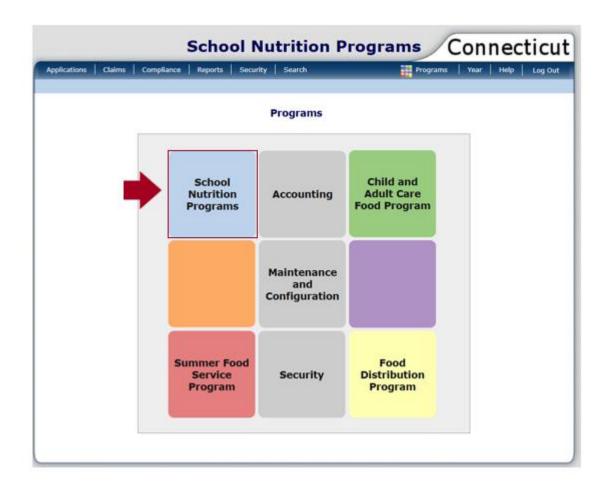
Each sponsor of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) designates staff members to access the applications and claims for the school nutrition programs in the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). One of the sponsor's designated staff members must enroll the district in the application process for the school nutrition programs. The required steps for this process are below.

After enrolling the district, do not complete the annual **application** for the school nutrition programs until the CSDE notifies sponsors that it is time to start the online application process.

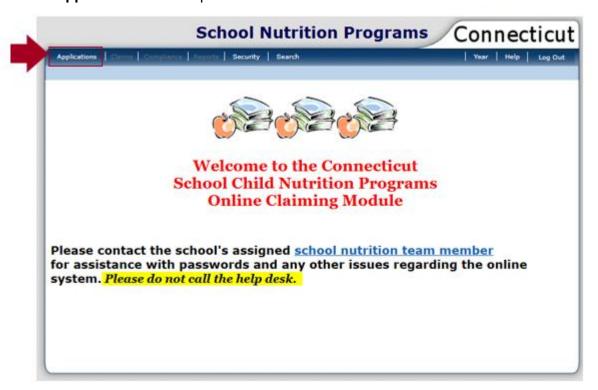
- 1. Access the CSDE's Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System) at https://ct.cnpus.com/prod/Splash.aspx.
- Log in with User ID and Password.



3. Click on **School Nutrition Programs** at the top left of the screen.



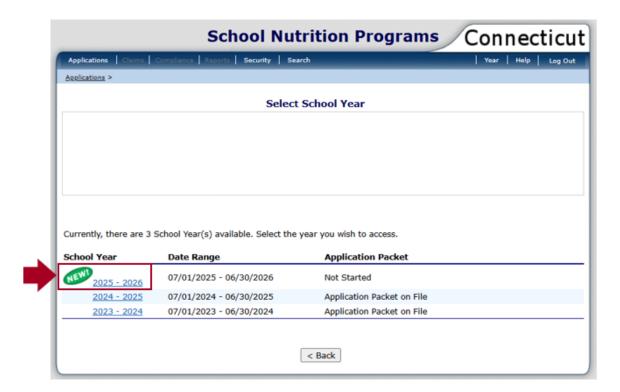
5. Click on **Applications** at the top left of the screen.



6. Click on Application Packet (the first selection under Item).



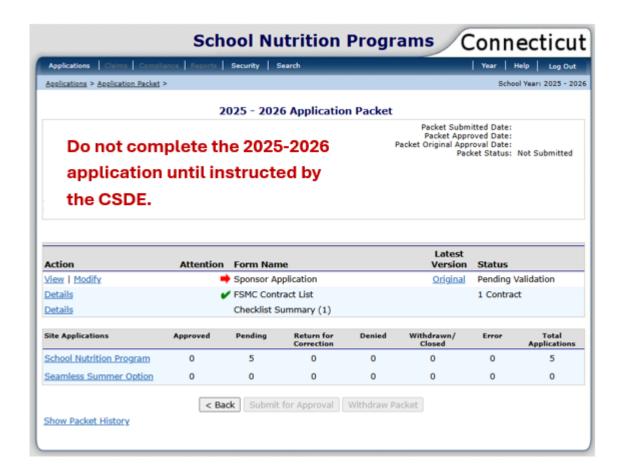
8. Under School Year, click on 2025-2026 next to the green "NEW!" button.



9. Click Enroll.



10. The **SNP Sponsor Application for School Year: 2025 - 2026** will open. Do **not** complete any information in this section. **Stop and log out.**



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11. For more information on the CNP System, visit the "School Nutrition Programs" section of the CSDE's CNP System webpage.