



**SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**DR. VIVIAN PILANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION SPECIALIST (SNS) CREDENTIALING FEES**

**Directions:** Please read carefully before completing this application. **TYPE** or **PRINT** answers. Submit all requested information by **June 1, 2026**. Add extra pages if necessary. The amount of the scholarship will cover the SNS Exam fee and the SNS Study Guide & School Food, Nutrition Service Management Bundle, and Flash Cards.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Scholarship Year: **January 2026 – December 2026**

Member's Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
County/District:		
Phone: (Home):	(Work):	
Email:		
SNA Membership Number <i>(must be current)</i> :		

**PERSONAL DATA OF PERSON APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Do you meet the required criteria to take the Credentialing Exam?  Yes  No

**NOTE: It is your responsibility to make sure you meet SNA's required criteria; persons not able to take the exam must repay the scholarship award.**

**REQUIRED LETTERS**

Please include this page with your application, indicating if the letters are attached or being mailed separately. Also, enter the person's name providing the letter. Your personal letter must be attached but the letter of support can be attached or mailed. If your supervisor's support letter will be submitted by mail, **please be sure you have informed him/her of the deadline – June 1, 2026.**

**A. Personal Letter from Applicant** – a letter written by the applicant sharing employment information, personal goals, leadership qualities, SNA/SNA of SC activities (past and current), and why he/she wants to take the Credentialing Exam.

Attached

**B. Applicant's Supervisor** – this letter should reflect your supervisor's support for you to pursue this credential including attending study group sessions and time to sit for the exam.

Attached  Mailed separately

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***CREDENTIALING EXAM AWARD CONTRACT***

The Scholarship is designed to support a School Nutrition Association of South Carolina (SNA of SC) member who is employed in school food services and remains in good standing with SNA or SNA of SC membership. To be eligible for this opportunity, members must agree to work in a School Food Service Program in South Carolina for at least one year. After you finish and pass the Credentialing Exam, you will receive the Scholarship. The members will receive 50% of the scholarship if they do not pass the examination. If a member fails the exam on their first try but succeeds on their second attempt, they will receive the remaining 50% of the scholarship.

On this \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Member's Signature*

***You must have two witnesses to sign.***

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **SIGNATURE REQUIRED:**

I confirm that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

<i>Signature of Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT AWARD.**

**It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all SNA requirements are met BEFORE submitting this application to SNA of SC. If your SNS application to SNA is rejected and you have been awarded this scholarship, the award must be refunded.**

**Note:**

Please check the SNA website, [Credentialing - School Nutrition Association](#), to make sure you meet the eligibility requirements to take the SNS Exam. If you don't, please do not apply at this time.

The SNA of SC SNS Scholarship award covers the SNS application fee, and for the applicant to purchase the SNS Credential Exam Study Guide 2023 Edition and the SFN Service Management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.  
**SNS Study Guide & School Food and Nutrition Service Management Bundle**

SNA is offering a Members-only SNS Preparation Resources Bundle that includes:

- School Nutrition Specialist Credentialing Exam Study Guide – 2023 Edition
- School Food and Nutrition Service Management for the 21st Century – 6th Edition, authored by Dot Pannell-Martin & Julie A Boettger

SNA Members: \$150

Non Members: \$180

## SFN Service Management for the 21st Century - 6th

School Food and Nutrition Service Management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

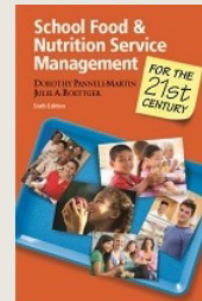
The newly updated 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of this comprehensive textbook, is THE go-to reference book for those working in the field of school nutrition. The book is a key resource for SNS exam preparation, and includes chapters on current regulations, financial management, menu planning and nutrition, human resources, equipment and facilities planning, procurement, production management, food safety, technology and marketing. Each chapter opens with a story from a school nutrition practitioner describing how the subject applies to their career.

*Using the SNA study guide alone and reading this book will not guarantee passing the SNS exam. The resources direct you to content and resources that will help you prepare. If preparing for the SNS exam, please be aware of the latest regulatory guidance for procurement and nutrition standards, as some elements of the book are outdated.*

Available: **Yes**

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The purpose of this study guide is to help you prepare and assess your readiness for the School Nutrition Specialist (SNS) credentialing exam. Individuals who earn the SNS credential demonstrate the knowledge and competencies necessary to manage school nutrition programs in today's challenging climate. The 2023 version includes answers to all study questions.

Note: Using this study guide alone will not guarantee passing the SNS exam. The guide will direct you to content and resources that will help you prepare.

### Pricing

- All SNA Members - **\$99**
- Non Members - **\$129**

The price displayed is \$0.00 until you are logged in. After you log in, the price will be adjusted according to your current member status.

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