

2021 Board Candidate Questionnaire

1 **What is your name?**

Keisha Williams

2 **What agency are you with? ♦**

Virginia Depart. Of Consumer Services

3 **Position are you running for?**

Answer

President

Vice President

Treasurer

State Agency Director

Local Agency Director

4 **How long have you worked with the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and in what capacity? ♦**

I have worked with the CSFP as a Regional Commodities Manager of over one year.

5 **What types of advocacy work (local, state, or national) have you done for CSFP or other programs? ♦**

Working with my food banks to increase their CSFP participation. Making food more accessible to seniors in rural areas.

6 **What do you see as the number one external challenge facing the National CSFP Association and how should we, as an Association, be addressing it? ♦**

The number one challenge facing the NCSFP is having access to the seniors in facilities where outsiders are not allowed to enter the due to COVID restrictions. Seniors still need to receive food. There has to be a way in order to get this food to them safely.

7 **What do you see as the number one internal challenge facing the National CSFP Association, and how should we, as an Association, be addressing it? ♦**

The number one challenge facing the NCSFP Association is the availability to provide vegetable proteins to food banks. Vegetables are one of the most important food item that seniors need to maintain good health and lately my food banks have not been able to order this items which make it difficult to follow there menus.

8 **At which of the following NCSFPA Conferences were you in attendance? ♦**

Answer

2013 Salt Lake City

2014 Philadelphia

2015 Charleston

2017 New Orleans

2018 Fort Myers

2019 Alexandria

✎ None

✎ Other: Due to COVID 19 Restrictions

9 **On what other Boards of Directors or Committees (on any level, Local, State, or National), have you served? ♦**

None at this time. I am new to the agency but I am passionate about feeding seniors and I am a true fan of the CSFP. There are so many seniors out there that are not aware of this program and we need to figure out ways to reach out to them.