



Black-Owned Foodoodle Gives Mealime Families a Free Place to Land

Built by a Black founder around the table every family knows — free during beta, no download, no card, no trial clock

TULSA, Okla. — Foodoodle, a Black-owned software company from Pensy Group, today opened its shared family meal planning platform to households facing the October 21 shutdown of the Mealime app. The browser-based platform is free during beta: no app download, no credit card, no trial clock.

Mealime's closing notice says the app shuts down October 21 and that users' personal data will be deleted; its recipes move to parent company Albertsons' Meals Hub. Mealime's Google Play listing invites users to join over 5,000,000 people who have used the app.

"Every family deserves technology built with their table in mind," said Jonathan Duhon, founder of Foodoodle. "Sunday dinner, the cookout, the weeknight scramble — the table is where a family becomes a family. I built Foodoodle for my own table first: the recipes we already love, a plan everyone can see, and a grocery list that knows what's in the kitchen."

Foodoodle puts the week's meals, the grocery list, and the household's favorite recipes where everyone can see them. Every member votes from their phone; one planner makes the final call. Setup takes about ten minutes. The weekly plan takes about four.

Households save recipes from any link or scan cookbook pages — Foodoodle starts from what a family already cooks, not a recipe library. The grocery list builds itself from the week's meals, minus what's already in the house, grouped by store aisle. Snap the receipt and items tick off. Allergy and restriction conflicts are flagged, with a one-tap swap — a helper, not a guarantee.

And Foodoodle meets families where they already are — including the AI assistants more households talk to every day. Through MCP — the open standard connecting AI assistants to the apps you love — a household can connect ChatGPT, Claude, or any compatible assistant and handle the week's meals in plain words: "what's for dinner this week," "add oat milk to the grocery list." Connect at foodoodle.com/assistants. The assistant works with the signed-in member's household permissions — it sees what they see, nothing more.

Foodoodle runs entirely in the browser on iPhone, Android, and desktop, and can be added to a phone's home screen. No app-store download. Kids join through managed profiles; no accounts needed.

About Foodoodle

Founded by Jonathan Duhon, Foodoodle is a Black-owned software company from Pensy Group on a mission to end the 5 PM dinner debate. Its browser-based family meal planner gives households one shared place for recipes, weekly meal plans, and grocery lists — with family voting, pantry-aware lists grouped by aisle, and receipt snap-to-check-off. It also works with the AI assistants families already use, including ChatGPT and Claude. Free during beta at foodoodle.com.

Press kit — releases, fact sheet, logos, photos: foodoodle.com/press

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