

Dear Parent or Guardian

You can still apply for Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) which helps families get the food they need during the current pandemic by providing a one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child. The application has been extended until August 21, 2020.

You will have one year from the date the benefits were issued to use your P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits are non-transferrable. Immigration status and the public charge rule will not affect eligibility when applying for benefits.

If you already applied and are waiting for benefits or have received P-EBT benefits, do not apply again.

Who Needs to Apply?

Children who have been approved for free or reduced-price school meals or attend a school that offered free meals to all students through the National School Lunch Program can receive PEBT benefits.

Eligible families that DID NOT receive SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020 must apply for PEBT.

- Fill out an application here:
<https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT>
(the URL is case-sensitive)
- Including your child's school ID# (also called Local ID) and Social Security number when applying will help to determine if your child is eligible.
- It is important to give a valid phone number on the application as Texas Health and Human Services staff may need to call to verify information.
- If you do not currently get SNAP benefits and your child is approved for P-EBT, you will be mailed a P-EBT card loaded with benefits.



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Eligible families that **DID** get SNAP benefits for the month of March 2020

- You do not need to apply for children ages 5-18 as of May 17, 2020. Benefits were loaded onto your existing Lone Star Card by May 22.
- If you have eligible children under 5 and/or between the ages of 19 and 21, you will need to fill out an application if those children meet the criteria below.
 - All children, no matter the age, must have been approved for free or reduced-price school meals or attend a school that offered free meals to all students through the National School Lunch Program.
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 - Including your child's school ID# (also called Local ID) and Social Security number when applying will help to determine if your child is eligible.
 - It is important to give a valid phone number on the application as Texas Health and Human Services staff may need to call to verify information.
 - If you are approved, funds will be loaded on to your current Lone Star Card.

For more information,
please visit
<http://hhs.texas.gov/pebt>

For questions regarding eligibility or if you need help applying, contact the P-EBT Call Center at **833-613-6220** Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Central Time. If you applied for benefits and think your child was denied in error, contact us within 15 days of receiving your denial notice to provide proof of eligibility. Proof includes the award letter that is sent to parents when their children become eligible for the National School Lunch Program. If children attend a CEP or P2 school, a school ID or report card can be used. You can either call the P-EBT Call Center or send an email to AES_PEBT_Complaints@hhsc.state.tx.us.



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