

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Texas Health and Human Services is partnering with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency to provide summer 2021 Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to eligible children.

Summer P-EBT (June–August) is for families with children (K–12) who are certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and for families with children born after Aug. 1, 2014, who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits. It is a one-time benefit of \$375 for each eligible child. *Receiving free meals at school does not automatically make a child eligible for P-EBT benefits.*

There is no summer 2021 P-EBT online application. For more information about summer P-EBT, visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt.

Eligibility

Children in K–12 who were eligible for P-EBT benefits during the 2020–2021 school year are eligible for summer P-EBT benefits as long as they were enrolled in a Texas school during the last month of the school year. This includes children who did not receive 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits based on the virtual attendance percentage provided by their school.

- If you received 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits (because you completed the P-EBT online application or you automatically received benefits because you were part of a SNAP family), you will have summer P-EBT benefits automatically loaded on your Lone Star Card or P-EBT Card by Nov. 19. You do not need to take any action.
- If you were eligible but didn't receive 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits, did NOT receive SNAP benefits at any time between August 2020–August 2021, and have not already completed the 2020–2021 school year P-EBT online application, you can do one of the following:
 - Complete the 2020–2021 school year P-EBT online application by Sept. 13 to see if you are eligible for 2020–2021 school year P-EBT and summer 2021 P-EBT. The school year 2020–2021 P-EBT application link is <https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT>. Please type the link exactly as it's seen here, making sure to capitalize the letters that you see capitalized here. To complete the application, you will need the child's Social Security number or student "S-number," and the name of the child's school and district.
 - Complete and return the household application for free and reduced-price meals (NSLP form) to your school **on or before Aug. 28** to see if you are eligible for summer 2021 P-EBT. You must be found eligible for NSLP to be eligible for P-EBT. Contact your child's school for information about completing this form.

Children in K–12 during the 2020–2021 school year who became eligible for NSLP between July 1 and Aug. 28 by submitting a household application for free and reduced-price meals (NSLP form) are eligible for summer 2021 P-EBT. A socioeconomic form cannot be completed now to be eligible for summer P-EBT unless you attend a newly eligible Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 (P2) school.

If a family completes an NSLP form or socioeconomic form (if applicable) and are found eligible, they do not need to take any further action to receive P-EBT; schools will be providing information to HHS to issue P-EBT benefits by Nov. 19. This includes families that are newly enrolled for the 2021–2022 school year at a CEP or P2 school and attended a Texas school that provided free meals through NSLP during the 2020–2021 school year.

Child care-aged children (born after Aug. 1, 2014) who received SNAP food benefits at any time between June 2021–August 2021 will automatically receive summer P-EBT benefits on their Lone Star Card by Oct. 15.

National School Lunch Program Eligibility

Free meals provided by a school may or may not be through the NSLP. Some Texas school campuses offer free meals to all students due to the public health emergency. Receiving these free meals at school does not automatically make a student eligible for P-EBT. It is important to note that P-EBT benefits require individual income eligibility unless a child attends a CEP or P2 school.

Aug. 28, 2021, is the deadline for newly eligible families to send the household application for free and reduced-price meals (NSLP form) to be eligible for summer P-EBT. The deadline is Aug. 28 because it is the end of the summer P-EBT period. Forms received by schools after that date will not apply to summer P-EBT.

The socioeconomic form cannot be completed now to be eligible for summer P-EBT unless a child attends a newly eligible CEP or P2 school.

2020–2021 School Year

NSLP eligibility for the 2020–2021 school year ended June 30, 2021. If you chose not to complete, or your school did not provide, the NSLP household application for free and reduced-price meals, the deadline has passed. It cannot be completed to apply for 2020–2021 school year P-EBT.

For more information about eligibility, applying and getting your P-EBT benefits, visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt or call the P-EBT Call Center at 833-442-1255, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Central time.