

# Do you need help feeding your school-age kids during the summer?

## The Summer EBT program can help!

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## What is Summer EBT?

This summer, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) will provide eligible school-age children with \$120 in benefits to help keep them fed when school is out. These funds can be used to buy select food items during the summer period of May 16 through August 31.



## Who is eligible for Summer EBT?

School-age, income-eligible children may receive Summer EBT benefits. This includes:

1. School-age children participating in the following public assistance programs:
  - a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - b. Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)
  - c. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
  - d. Children on Medicaid with household income under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
2. School-age children who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) based on the following statuses:
  - a. Participation in Head Start
  - b. Homeless
  - c. Foster
  - d. Migrant
  - e. Runaway
3. School-age children who have already been approved for free or reduced-priced meals through filling out a school meals application
4. School-age children enrolled in a school participating in NSLP/SBP, not already eligible, and determined income-eligible through a Summer EBT application



Make sure your address on file with your school and the U.S. Post Office is up to date in order to receive your Summer EBT card. Visit [moversguide.usps.com](https://moversguide.usps.com) to change your address after a move.



## How do I apply for Summer EBT?

If your child meets criteria 1 - 3, they do not need to complete an application for Summer EBT. The application will be available after June 1. Your child's benefits will be issued to a Summer EBT card and mailed to the address provided by the student's school or maintained by DHHS for public assistance participants.

School-age homeschooled children not receiving public assistance benefits do not qualify for Summer EBT benefits, as they are not participating in an NSLP/SBP school.



## How can I use my Summer EBT benefits?

Your Summer EBT card will need to be activated once it is received. To do so:

1. Call the phone number on the back of the card (877-247-6328).
2. When prompted for the primary cardholder's date of birth, enter the 8-digit date of birth for the oldest child in the household.
3. When prompted for the primary cardholder's zip code, enter the zip code of the address where the card was mailed.
4. Select a four-digit PIN.



You can use your Summer EBT card just like any other EBT card. Summer EBT benefits can be used at most supermarkets and grocery stores to purchase eligible food. To find a list of retailers, visit [fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator](https://fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator).



Find more information on the Summer EBT program here, or by visiting [dhhs.ne.gov/SummerEBT](https://dhhs.ne.gov/SummerEBT)

## Additional Resources

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) also provides no-cost meals to children ages 1 through 18 at nearly 300 locations across Nebraska. No applications or paperwork are required to receive meals from approved sites. Most SFSP sites begin providing meals during the first week of June.

**Text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304** to receive information about SFSP sites in your zip code.