

Need a little help feeding your kids when school is out for summer? **Learn how the Summer EBT program can help you!**

Summer EBT

Coming Soon!

Summer EBT is continuing in Summer 2026, providing families with support to buy food for their eligible school-aged children. Households will receive \$120 to buy groceries for each eligible child. Children who get Summer EBT can still participate in other summer meal programs. Receiving Summer EBT will not affect children or families' immigration status.

How does Summer EBT work?

In Nebraska, if eligible, Summer EBT will be loaded onto a Summer EBT card and mailed to your home. You can use Summer EBT benefits to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meats, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept WIC or SNAP EBT benefits. Summer EBT is a convenient way to help your children thrive.

When will Summer EBT be available?

Nebraska has several issuance dates depending on how approval is received. See <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx> for issuance dates and information.

Recently Moved?

Public Assistance Recipients

*Make sure your current
address is on file with
DHHS!*

Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals

*Make sure your child's
school district has your
current address on file.*

*Incorrect address can
delay the delivery of your
card.*



Is my child eligible for Summer EBT?

Eligibility Requirements!

School-age children can be eligible for Summer EBT benefits by meeting one of the following criteria:

- Direct certification: School-age children who receive public assistance programs such as SNAP, ADC, FDPIR, and qualifying income-based Medicaid are automatically qualified for Summer EBT.
- Children enrolled at a school participating in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program (NSLP) who had an approved free or reduced-priced meals application with their school district for the 2025-26 school year.
- Children enrolled at a school participating in the NSLP who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals based on meeting one of the following criteria:
 - Participation in Head Start;
 - Homeless;
 - Foster Children; or
 - Runaway Status

Scan to learn more about the Summer EBT Program.



The online Summer EBT application will be available for households of children not determined eligible by one of the three identified Eligibility Requirements.

You need to apply for Summer EBT only if:

- Your children went to a school participating in the NSLP during the 2025-26 school year and did not receive free or reduced-price meals, but you think you are eligible based on the program's income guidelines.
* This includes students attending a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school where all students receive meals for free.
- Your application for free or reduced-price meals to your child's school was denied for being over income, your household's income has changed, and you think you are now eligible.
- You are not homeschooling.



Contact DHHS for more information:

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<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx>