

SUMMER 2021

North Carolina Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for Students and Children Under Age 6

The P-EBT program helps families with eligible children whose access to meals has been impacted by COVID-19.

Who is eligible and how much is the P-EBT summer benefit?

There is no application for P-EBT. Summer P-EBT is an extension of school year 2020-21 benefits. Eligibility requirements and benefit amount for summer P-EBT are different than the requirements for the school year and are based on guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ELIGIBILITY

P-EBT for the summer is for students or children under age 6 who meet one of the following criteria:

Students

1. The student was eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in the last full month of the school year, OR
2. The student applies and becomes eligible for NSLP free or reduced-price meals at any time during the covered summer period (June through August 2021)

Children Under 6

1. The child was eligible to receive Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) benefits in the last full month of the school year, OR
2. The child becomes eligible for FNS at any time during the covered summer period (June through August 2021)

BENEFIT AMOUNT

North Carolina will issue a one-time summer benefit amount of \$375. All eligible children will receive the same benefit amount regardless of learning status.

To see if your household may be eligible to receive FNS benefits, please visit www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/food-nutrition-services-food-stamps.

For more information on how to apply for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program, please contact your child's local school district.

When will benefits be issued?

Benefits will be added to the households existing FNS or P-EBT card. Households will not receive a new card for summer. Families who become newly eligible and don't have a card will be mailed a card.

P-EBT will be provided to children who were eligible as of the last full month of the school year at the end of July. Children who become eligible during the summer period by being approved for FNS or free or reduced-price school meals will receive their benefit at the end of September or in October.

Resource Information

- More information on P-EBT can be found at www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT.
- For the latest information on COVID-19, visit nc.gov/covid19.
- For locations of schools & community meal sites, text "FOODNC" or "COMIDA" to 877-877.
- For information on other food resources, please visit nc211.org or call 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162. Please note that 2-1-1 cannot assist with eligibility or benefit amount.

