



When School is Out, Summer EBT is Here to Help!

Summer EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) is an income-based program that helps families buy food for their children while school is out. Each summer, families can get a one-time payment for each eligible child in their household. Summer EBT can be used anywhere that FoodShare benefits are accepted, like most grocery stores, many convenience stores, and some farmer's markets.

Your child should get benefits automatically if:

- Your child had an approved application on file this school year with their National School Lunch Program (NSLP) school to get free or reduced price meals.
- Your child is school-aged and your household is part of FoodShare, Wisconsin Works (W-2), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or certain income-based Medicaid programs; or if we know that your child is a migrant, in foster care, or experiencing homelessness.



Watch your mail towards the middle of June! If your family qualifies, you'll get a letter about your child's benefits.



Getting Summer EBT will **not** affect your child's or family's immigration status.



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What can I do to try to get benefits for my child if they don't qualify to get benefits automatically?

- If your child's school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), you can apply for Free or Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) through their school. If your child's application is approved by August 28, 2025, they will be able to get Summer EBT this year.
- If you apply and are approved by August 28 for one of the qualifying benefit programs mentioned on the front of this flyer, you will be able to get Summer EBT for your child. Call 211 or visit access.wi.gov to learn more about applying for the programs.
- If you don't want to apply for FRPL, or if your child's NSLP school doesn't accept FRPL applications, you can apply directly for Summer EBT. If you apply, you will need to show that your household meets the income requirement for the program. Visit wisconsin.summerebtapp.com/begin to apply.

How will my family get benefits?

If your child qualifies for Summer EBT and you already have a QUEST card or a P-EBT card from the pandemic, we will put your benefits on that card. If you don't, we'll mail you a new QUEST card.

Make sure we have your updated address at SummerEBT.wi.gov/s/SummerBenefitInfo so we have the right information for sending benefits.

Can our family still use other summer food programs if we get Summer EBT?

Yes! If your child gets Summer EBT they can still participate in other programs like the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option. To learn more about meal sites near you, visit wisummerfood.org or call 211. You can also text 'food' to 304-304.

Learn More

Scan the QR code or go to dhs.wi.gov/sebt to get details about Summer EBT.

