



NC PANDEMIC EBT (P-EBT): SUMMER 2022 INFORMATION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUMMER P-EBT BENEFITS?

STUDENT

A student is eligible for Summer P-EBT if they participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) free or reduced-price meal program (FRP).

This can be met by:

1. Student participated in NSLP FRP in May 2022, **or**
2. Student applies for NSLP FRP through their school district **by August 31, 2022** and is approved.

YOUNG CHILD

A young child must meet BOTH of the following criteria to be eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits:

1. Child was 5 years old or younger as of September 1, 2021, **AND**
2. Child receives Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). FNS requirement can be met by:
 - a. Child is included in an FNS case as of May 2022, **or**
 - b. An FNS application is submitted **by August 31, 2022** and is approved.

The Summer P-EBT Letter of Eligibility can be viewed on the P-EBT website at www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT. For a self-guided eligibility flow, visit **English: [HERE](#) or Spanish: [HERE](#)**

HOW MUCH WILL FAMILIES RECEIVE?

Eligible students and young children will receive a one-time payment of \$391, a standard benefit amount for summer set by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The summer benefit amount is not dependent on COVID-19 related absences during the school year. Families will receive the full benefit amount for Summer P-EBT even if they become eligible later in the summer.

WHEN WILL BENEFITS BE ISSUED?

Students participating in NSLP FRP meals as of May 2022 and young children eligible for FNS by the July issuance will receive their one-time Summer P-EBT benefit at the end of July.

Students and young children who become eligible during the summer who do not receive in the July issuance will receive their one-time Summer P-EBT benefit in late September or October.

HOW TO ACTIVATE A NEW CARD

To activate or order a new card:

1. Log in to your ebtEDGE.com account and select card from the Welcome page.
2. Download the ebtEDGE app from the App Store or Google Play Store, log in, and select a card.
3. Call the EBT Call Center IVR at 1-888-622-7328 and follow the prompts.

To activate a card and set a PIN: To activate your card, you will be asked to enter the date of birth (DOB) associated with the card. **If there are multiple children in your household, try the DOB for each student in the household, starting with the youngest student.** Enter the DOB as two digits for the month, two digits for the day, and four digits for the year (MM/DD/YYYY). Once activated, choose and enter a PIN number.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FNS AND/OR NSLP FRP

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS): Households can apply for FNS in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Apply online with ePass at <https://epass.nc.gov/>.
2. Apply in person at your [county Department of Social Services \(DSS\) office](#).
3. Fill out a paper application and mail to/drop off at your [county DSS office](#).

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS:

Families can apply for NSLP FRP by contacting the student's school or school district.

HOW WILL STUDENTS & YOUNG CHILDREN RECEIVE BENEFITS?

Benefits will be electronically loaded in one of three ways:

- **FNS households:** benefits will be deposited on their existing FNS EBT card.
- **Non-FNS households who received P-EBT during the 21-22 school year:** benefits will be deposited on their existing P-EBT card.
- **Non-FNS households who did not receive P-EBT during the 21-22 school year:** benefits will be deposited on a new P-EBT card that will be mailed to the most recent address on file at the student's school. Families should confirm the address with the school.

If the child has changed households, a caregiver change can be reported by contacting the FNS case worker (if applicable) or the student's school if there is no FNS case. **Benefits are issued using the most recent household information and will not be reissued if outdated.**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT to view P-EBT updates, read answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and to use the P-EBT Virtual Agent. You can also contact your FNS case worker or the EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.