

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)



P-EBT is a food benefit for families with children who temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price meals at school during the COVID-19 pandemic. P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food from any retailer that accepts the Lone Star Card.

P-EBT is for families with children who meet one of the following criteria:

-  Up to 21 years old and certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) at a school in Texas during the 2020–2021 school year.
-  Up to 21 years old and attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 (P2) school that offers free meals to all students.
-  Born after Aug. 1, 2014, in families who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

Who needs to complete an online application?

- Eligible students in families who did not receive SNAP benefits for at least one month during the 2020–2021 school year.
- Eligible students born on or before Aug. 1, 2014, in families who received SNAP benefits for the first time during the 2020–2021 school year in May or June 2021.

The following items are required on the P-EBT application:

1. Parent/legal guardian name, date of birth and sex
2. Physical address
3. Child's name, date of birth, sex, school district county, school district and campus name
4. Public school students must provide either their Social Security number or state-assigned number (S-number)

It is important to put a valid phone number on the application because staff may need to call you before approving the application.

How will eligible families get P-EBT benefits?

- Families who got SNAP benefits during the 2020–2021 school year will have P-EBT benefits loaded on their current Lone Star Card.
- Families who did not get SNAP benefits during the 2020–2021 school year will have a P-EBT Card with funds mailed to them.

The application for P-EBT will open **June 2, 2021**. Go to yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT to apply. *The application link is case-sensitive. The deadline to apply is Aug. 13, 2021.*

For more information about eligibility, applying and getting your P-EBT benefits, visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt, or call the P-EBT Call Center at 833-442-1255, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Central time.

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