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2020-21 School Year Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer

There is no application for 2020-2021 P-EBT benefits.



To be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits, your child **MUST** be enrolled in at least one of the following programs:

- Free or reduced-price school meals for the current school year
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food support/EBT)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP/cash)

Even if your family has chosen full-time distance learning, enroll your children in Free/Reduced-price Meals. P-EBT benefits may be retroactive to September 2020 if you are approved for Free/Reduced-price Meals before February 28, 2021.

Benefit amounts may vary, based on your child's school attendance and distance- or hybrid-learning models. If your child is eligible for 2020-21 School Year P-EBT, a new card will be mailed to you – one for each eligible child. There is no application.

Families who received P-EBT benefits last school year and summer are not automatically eligible.

P-EBT Looks Different! Act today to be ready...

- ✓ Does your child's school have your current address and contact information?
- ✓ Is your child enrolled in Free/Reduced-price Meals? Think they qualify? Act now! Submit an Application for Educational Benefits (AEB) through your child's school. Questions? Contact your child's school.
- ✓ Think you qualify for SNAP (food)? Want to apply? Act now! SNAP application assistance is available from Second Harvest Heartland at (844) 764-5513 or SNAPRefer@2harvest.org and from other local outreach partners.
- ✓ Already receiving SNAP (food) or MFIP (cash)? Submit reports and documentation on time to keep your case open and active.

P-EBT is NOT SUBJECT to Public Charge rules: EVERYONE who has children receiving Free/Reduced-Price Meals at school can apply! The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Education and Code for America to operate the program. This flyer was created in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension SNAP-Ed and Second Harvest Heartland SNAP Outreach and Child Hunger programs. These institutions are equal opportunity employers and providers. This flyer does not constitute legal advice.



Food is Available so Your Kids Can Focus on Learning

The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) 2020-21 school year benefits will be coming soon! P-EBT is a temporary food benefit to families with children who would have received free and reduced-price meals if schools were open.

New! There is no separate P-EBT application needed this year. To qualify for P-EBT, your child must be:

- Enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
OR
- Approved for free or reduced-price school meals or attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school
AND
- In a hybrid- or distance-learning format for the majority of the month.

Take action before February 28, 2021

- ✓ If you are already receiving no-cost school meals, call the school to find out if it is a Community Eligibility Provision school.
- ✓ Apply for free and reduced-priced school meals at all schools your children attend by contacting the schools.
- ✓ Make sure the school has your current address and contact information to prevent any delays.
- ✓ If you are on SNAP, MFIP or Tribal TANF and your school has your correct contact information, you do not need to do anything.

Once you have taken these actions, your benefits will be determined by the Minnesota Department of Education based on your school's distance- or hybrid-learning days. Benefits will begin to arrive in late March.

Have questions?

The P-EBT Hotline for 2020-21 will be taking calls in early March!

Stay informed

Visit the [Minnesota Department of Human Services P-EBT](#) webpage for the latest information and check out the frequently asked questions.

