

# 5 facts for Maine families to know about Summer P-EBT food benefits

## What is Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer, or Summer P-EBT?

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Summer P-EBT is a nutrition program that provides **grocery benefits** for families to purchase food when schools are closed.

**In September 2021, eligible children will receive \$375 each in summer (July and August 2021) P-EBT food benefits.**

## Who is eligible for Summer P-EBT?

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Summer P-EBT is for **students who qualify for free or reduced-priced school meals**, including all students attending a school with the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), or a similar universal free school meal program. Both school-age students and most **children under the age of six** that are in families participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits.

## Do families need to apply for Summer P-EBT?

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Summer P-EBT does not require a separate application. To receive Summer P-EBT benefits, it is important for families with school-aged students to make sure they have **completed a school meal benefit application** and/or are enrolled in SNAP. Families that have moved must also **make sure the school has your correct mailing address**.

Families with children ages 0-6 must be enrolled in **SNAP** to receive summer P-EBT benefits.

## How do families receive Summer P-EBT benefits?

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**Most eligible children receive Summer P-EBT benefits automatically.** Students must be enrolled in free and reduced-price school meals and/or enrolled in SNAP. Families with children ages 0-6 must be enrolled in SNAP to receive Summer P-EBT benefits.

Text the word “food” to 74544 to find out if you may be eligible for SNAP.

## Is there a deadline for Summer P-EBT benefits?

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**To receive Summer P-EBT benefits, children and students must be enrolled in SNAP and/or signed up for free or reduce-priced school meals before August 31, 2021!**

- Ask your school or go to the school’s website to complete a school meal application.
- Text the word “food” to 74544 for help signing up for SNAP.

## Free meals for all kids under 18!

Find free summer meal locations near you by sending a text message with the words “**Summer Meals**” to this phone number: **97779** or call **1-866-348-6479**.

For more information, visit [feedkids.me](https://www.feedkids.me)