



## SUMMER 2022

# North Carolina Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for Students and Young Children

P-EBT is a temporary pandemic food assistance program that helps families with eligible students and/or young children during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

### Who is eligible and how much is the Summer P-EBT benefit?

There is no application for P-EBT. Eligibility is determined based on participation in other food assistance programs. Summer P-EBT is an extension of the school year; however, eligibility rules are simplified.

### How will benefits be issued?

Most Summer P-EBT benefits will be deposited on a family's current FNS EBT card or existing P-EBT card. Some families will be mailed a new P-EBT card when the student did not get any P-EBT benefits during the 2021-2022 school year.

If a P-EBT card has been lost or destroyed, a new card can be ordered at [www.ebtEdge.com](http://www.ebtEdge.com), on the ebtEDGE mobile app or by contacting the EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.

### When will benefits be issued?

- Students participating in NSLP FRP meals in May 2022 and young children eligible for FNS by the time of the July summer issuance will get their one-time summer benefit in late July.
- Students and young children who apply for NSLP FRP school meals or FNS during the summer by August 31, 2022 and are approved will get their one-time summer benefit in late September or October.

### Resource Information

More information on P-EBT can be found at [www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT). If you would like information on other food resources, visit NC 211 provided by the United Way ([www.nc211.org](http://www.nc211.org)) or dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162 to speak with someone who can tell you about resources in your area.

### ELIGIBILITY Students

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** A student is eligible for P-EBT if they are approved for free or reduced-price meals (FRP) through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

**IMPORTANT:** If the student did not participate in the FRP program during the school year, they can still become eligible for Summer P-EBT if they apply for NSLP FRP **by August 31, 2022** and get approved.

To apply for NSLP free or reduced-price meals, contact your student's school or school district.

### Young Children

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** Child was 5 years old or younger as of September 1, 2021, **AND** the child receives Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits.

**IMPORTANT:** If the young child was not included in an FNS case during May 2022, they can become eligible for Summer P-EBT if they are added to an FNS case or an FNS application is submitted **by August 31, 2022** and gets approved.

To apply for FNS benefits, visit [www.ncdhhs.gov/FNS](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/FNS)

### BENEFIT AMOUNT

Summer P-EBT is a one-time payment of **\$391** for all eligible students and young children.