



Pandemic-EBT: Money For Families With Children For Food

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) was passed by Congress in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and provides money to families of school-age children who participated in free or reduced lunch programs at their school during the 2019-2020 school year. Eligible families will receive \$250 per student given to families on an EBT card.

Who is eligible for P-EBT?

Families with children participating in free or reduced-price school lunch.

- Families who already receive SNAP or Families First (TANF) benefits automatically qualify for P-EBT benefits. The P-EBT money will be added onto their current EBT cards in addition to the SNAP or Families First benefit.
- Non-SNAP families who have students participating in free or reduced-price school lunch or attended a Community Eligibility Provision school (CEP) must fill out an online application by **August 14**.
- Access the application here: <https://bit.ly/TN-PEBT-App>
- Families will not be disqualified if they received meals from emergency or school food distribution sites.

How much money will a family receive?

The total benefit per student is \$250. Benefits are calculated based on the average number of days that Tennessee students were out of school during March, April, and May because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

When will benefits be available?

- Money for some SNAP/TANF families began arriving on June 12. Not all SNAP and Families First (TANF) families are receiving benefits at the same time.
- For SNAP families, the benefits will be available in two installments, one for March and April, and then a second installment for the May meals.
- For non-SNAP families, the application must be submitted and approved by the state before benefits are issued. Benefits will be issued in July.

For application assistance and general questions about P-EBT, call the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) P-EBT hotline at 1-833-496-0661 (select option 3). If you run into barriers to getting your P-EBT contact Signe Anderson: sanderson@tnjustice.org.