



NJ Summer EBT is Back for Summer 2026!

Summer EBT is intended to reduce hunger and food insecurity for children during the summer when school is not in session. This June, NJ will send a one-time Summer EBT benefit card to qualifying families with eligible school-age children, to help them purchase nutritious food at participating retailers.

How does Summer EBT work?

Low-income Families will receive a one-time \$120 Summer EBT card per eligible child to help purchase groceries. Benefits can be used at authorized retailers, like grocery stores and farmers markets, to purchase healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, meats and other protein sources, whole grains, and dairy.

Who automatically qualifies for NJ Summer EBT?

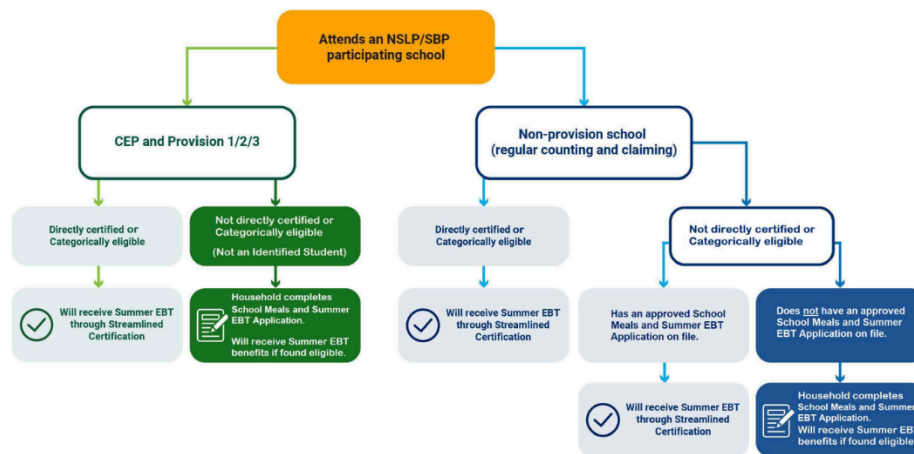
Children are automatically eligible for the NJ Summer EBT program and do not need to apply to receive a benefit if:

- The household received SNAP or TANF between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026 and the child is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program; OR
- The household received SNAP or TANF between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026 and the child is not enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, but was between ages 6-16 between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026; OR
- The child received Medicaid with qualifying income for the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026 and the child is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program; OR
- The child received Medicaid with qualifying income for the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026 and the child is not

enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program but is between ages 6-16 between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026; OR

- The child is a migrant, homeless, a runaway, in foster care, or attends a Head Start program administered by the school district, and the child is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program; OR
- The household applied for and was approved to receive federal free or federal reduced-priced school meals through the School Meals and Summer EBT application.

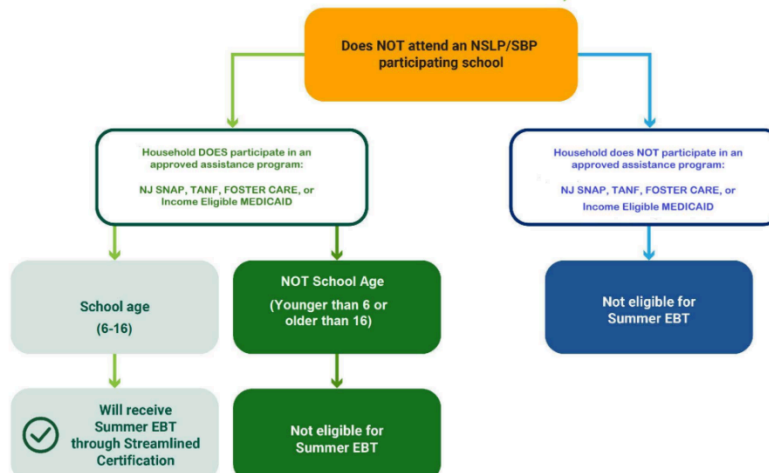
You do not need to apply, **but make sure your address is up to date with your local school district and/or your [local county social service agency](#).**



ELIGIBILITY FLOW FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT ENROLLED IN NSLP/SBP PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Intended Audience: Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

USDA Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Division of Food & Nutrition



Please follow up with your school district if you are unsure if your child's school participates in the National School Lunch Program.

Who May Need to Apply?

Children enrolled in NSLP/SBP- participating schools who do not already have an individual eligibility determination on file between July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026 will need to submit a School Meals and Summer EBT application to their local school district and be determined eligible, in order to receive the Summer EBT benefit.

To apply for Summer EBT benefits, contact your child's school. Applications are available online via your child's school district website, or paper applications may be obtained at your child's school. Applications will still be accepted throughout the summer.

What if my child attends a school that provides free meals for every student in the school?

If your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school (where free meals are provided for every student in the school), and your household does not participate in NJ SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid, or Foster Care, and you did not complete and return a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to your child's school, then you are encouraged to submit a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to see if you qualify for the federal Summer EBT benefit. Applications are available online via your child's school district website, or paper applications may be obtained at your child's school. Applications will still be accepted throughout the summer.

Please follow up with your child's school if you are unsure about the status of your child's school meal eligibility.

How will I receive benefits?

A one-time summer benefit amount of \$120 will be issued to each eligible child.

If I have questions about my card, who do I contact?

If you are having trouble activating your card, viewing your balance, changing your pin, or need to report a lost or stolen card and request a replacement, you can contact EBT Card Customer Service at 1-833-997-3333 or online at NJFamiliesFirst.com.

If I have questions about eligibility who do I contact?

If your child attends a participating school, and you have questions about your child's eligibility status, the address where your card was mailed, the date of birth listed for your children, or to opt out of the program, please contact your child's school.

If your child **does not** attend a participating school or is home-schooled and between the ages of 6-16, and you have questions about your child's eligibility status, the address where your card was mailed, the date of birth listed for your children, or to opt out of the program, please email DFNSummerEBT@ag.nj.gov.

What household size and income qualify my child for Summer EBT benefits?

The table below shows the income limits (effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026) for Summer EBT. They are the same guidelines used for the NSLP/SBP. Your household's total income must be the same or less than the amount shown for your household size. *Note: These income limits will change on July 1, 2026.*

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
- 2 -	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
- 3 -	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
- 4 -	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
- 5 -	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
- 6 -	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
- 7 -	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
- 8 -	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	853	\$1,927
Each additional household member add	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196