

This letter is for families with:

- Children who are certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Children who attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 (P2) school that offers free meals to all students.*
- Children born after Aug. 1, 2014, in families who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

**Contact your child's school if you have questions about the school's participation in these programs.*

If you do not meet at least one of the requirements listed above, your child is not eligible for the P-EBT benefits described below.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Enrolled students (up to 21 years of age) in families that temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals for the 2020–2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible to receive Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT). P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food from any retailer that accepts the Lone Star Card.



The application for P-EBT will open **June 2, 2021**. Go to yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT to apply. *The application link is case-sensitive. The deadline to apply is Aug. 13, 2021.*

Who Needs to Apply?

- A parent/guardian **must apply** if eligible child is:
 - Enrolled in K-12 and NOT part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and June 2021.
 - Born on or before Aug. 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for the first time during the 2020–2021 school year in May or June 2021.
- A parent/guardian **does not have to apply** if eligible child is:
 - Born on or before Aug. 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and April 2021.
 - Born after Aug. 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

For more information about eligibility, applying and getting your P-EBT benefits, visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt, or call the P-EBT Call Center at 833-442-1255, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Central time.

Sincerely,

Child Nutrition Department