

# SUMMER EBT

## MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER BREAK

**If you have school-aged kids, you may be able to get help buying groceries this summer.**

Summer EBT can give a little breathing room in your family's budget so you can provide your kids the nutrition they love.

- Families will receive **\$120 for each eligible child to purchase groceries** when school is out this summer.
- You can get Summer EBT even if your child is getting free meals at school, camp, or other places this summer.

***There's still time to sign up.*** Scan the QR code to find out if you're eligible and how to get connected to Summer EBT.

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## Newsletter or Website Content

### Have School-Aged Children? You May Be Eligible for Grocery Benefits During Summer

Summer EBT provides families with a monthly grocery benefit to feed their children for three summer months (June, July, August) when children are not receiving free or reduced-price meals at school. In summer 2025, families will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 for the summer for each eligible child. Benefits are distributed on an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card and can be used at [any grocery store that accepts LINK cards](#). Families will have 122 days from issuance to use the benefits.

#### Who is eligible?

- ***Income Requirement:***

Children must be eligible for free or reduced-priced school meals, in other words they must reside in a household that has total household income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. (Visit ISBE for income guidance through June 30, 2025: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IEG-25.pdf>. Visit [www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/](http://www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/) for income guidance after July 1, 2025).

- ***Citizenship Requirement:***

No citizenship requirement. Summer EBT will **not** be considered under the public charge rule.

- ***Age Requirement:***

If your child is enrolled in a school operating the National School Lunch Program, they do not have an additional age requirement.

If your child qualifies for Summer EBT through their participation in SNAP, TANF, Income Eligible Medicaid, and/or Youth in Care/foster care and your child **is not enrolled** in a school operating the National School Lunch Program, they must meet Illinois's compulsory school age (age 6-17).





### **How do I apply?**

There are a couple of different ways to sign up for Summer EBT. Please visit [www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/](http://www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/) to get the most up-to-date information about how to get connected to Summer EBT.

### **If my child is enrolled in Summer EBT, can they still participate in free summer meal programs?**

Yes. You can get Summer EBT even if your child is getting free meals at school, camp, or other places this summer. The Summer Meals Site Finder will go live in May 2025 for the 2025 summer period: [www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-meals](http://www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-meals)

### **I am worried about receiving Summer EBT because of my immigration status. Will getting this benefit count in a public charge test?**

No. It is important to know that Summer EBT will not count in a public charge test. All students are eligible regardless of immigration status. Visit [Protecting Immigrant Families \(PIF\) Illinois - Public Charge/Carga Publica](#) for information about what public benefits impact the public charge test.

**For more information about Summer EBT, please visit** [www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/](http://www.wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt/).