

# Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Overview

Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) is a new income-based food support program that provides families with \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is out for the summer. When children no longer receive free meals at school, their households might need extra help putting food on the table. The Summer EBT program was designed to meet this seasonal need.

This new [Summer EBT program](#) is in addition to free meals that kids of all ages can get at summer meal sites in their communities. Find out about other food assistance programs on the [DHS Food Assistance Programs page](#) and at the [Hunger Impact Partners page](#). Find summer meal sites at the [Sun Meals and Sun Meals-to-go page](#).

## There are two ways children qualify for Summer EBT

Children can be directly qualified through participation in a MN state program. Children will be automatically enrolled in Summer EBT if they are between the ages of 7-17 and are a member of a household that participates in any of the following:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Medical Assistance (MA)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- or is in foster care

Children also qualify if their application for free or reduced-price school meals was approved through the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program between July 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024. There are no age restrictions for children who qualify through the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program application process.

## How the Summer EBT program works

For each eligible child, families will receive a new Summer EBT card loaded with \$120 for the summer period (\$40 per month for June, July and August). Summer EBT cards can be used just other Minnesota EBT cards.

- Learn more about where to shop with a Summer EBT card, what participants can buy and more on the [Minnesota EBT card webpage](#). The card will be labeled Summer EBT and will list the child's name and case number on the front of the card.
- Benefits can be used at authorized retailers, such as grocery stores and farmers markets, to purchase healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, meats and other protein sources, whole grains and dairy.
- Summer EBT benefits will expire 122 days after the date the benefits was issued. Please visit [www.ebtedge.com](http://www.ebtedge.com) or call ebtEDGE customer service at 888-997-2227 for the child's specific benefit issuance date.
- Families who receive other EBT benefits should begin using their Summer EBT card as soon as possible and use up all Summer EBT benefits before continuing to use their regular EBT benefits.