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SUMMER EBT IS BACK!



Summer EBT provides **\$120 of grocery benefits** to children (like yours!) over the summer when kids aren't getting the meals they usually eat at school. It is available to families who could use support buying food.

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in summer EBT, but some will still need to apply.



Check to see if you need to apply today!

Visit www.abe.illinois.gov/access or Scan the QR code!

Have questions or need extra support? Visit wegotyouillinois.org/summer-ebt or call (833) 621-0737



SUMMER EBT IN ILLINOIS

HOW ARE BENEFITS DELIVERED

Benefits are delivered via a new or existing EBT card.

HOW TO CHECK OR UPDATE OR MAILING ADDRESS

You can visit www.abe.illinois.gov and click on the Summer EBT Screener to review the street address on file. If you are not living at the address, you will be prompted to update.

2026 APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 14, 2026 - Last day for families to apply for SEBT benefits.

How do I apply for Summer EBT?

Families can apply for Summer EBT online or with a paper application. Head to www.abe.illinois.gov/access to apply or contact Northern Illinois Food Bank's SNAP team at [844-600-7627](tel:844-600-7627) for further help assistance. Remember, this benefit is for families just like yours. Apply Now!

Why do some get Summer EBT benefits automatically, while others need to apply?

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in Summer EBT through other programs they already participate in. But here's the bottom line: If you don't receive the program automatically, and have a child attending school, we encourage you to if you could use an extra \$120 to help with groceries over the summer.

You can quickly check your eligibility using the abe.illinois.gov/access or QR code on the front page. Students of any age who meet the income and school attendance requirements are eligible to apply. If some, but not all, of your children attending school received Summer EBT automatically, or if your child received it in 2024 but not 2025, your child may be eligible but needs to apply.

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WHEN ARE BENEFITS DELIVERED?

SEBT dollars will be uploaded to all EBT cards the week of May 18th – May 23rd.

DO SUMMER EBT BENEFITS EXPIRE?

Yes, funds expire 122 days (about 4 months) after they are issued. Use your benefits before they expire!

WHAT ARE THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS?

There are no citizenship requirements. Summer EBT will not be considered under the public charge rule.

What information or instructions will I receive in the mail?

Keep an eye out for information about how to activate your Summer EBT card(s). Your card will arrive in a separate envelope. Be sure to save all your paperwork from the state just to be safe!

What should I do if I have problems activating my card or have other questions?

For questions concerning your Link card, visit Manage My Illinois Link Card online www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=35280 or call the Illinois Link Help Line at 1-800-678-LINK (5465).

What other grocery or food support programs are over the summer?

Summer EBT works alongside in-person Summer Meal programs and Link Match to help make sure kids get nutritious food all year round. Children can get Summer EBT even if they receive meals at school, camp, or other places during the summer.