

P - EBT INFORMATION & APPLICATION

PANDEMIC-EBT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

\$285 PER CHILD MAKES UP FOR COST OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED AT SCHOOL

Amid the ongoing public health crisis, Louisiana has been approved for the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. This program will provide extra help buying groceries for the families of the more than 600,000 children who normally receive free and reduced-price meals at school.

Eligible families who complete an online application will be issued a P-EBT debit card by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to access benefits. The P-EBT card will function like a standard EBT card, and the same guidelines will apply.

Families will receive \$285 in total P-EBT benefits per child. Unused benefits will roll over month to month and must be used within 365 days.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As school facilities remain closed, households that meet the following criteria may now be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits to help them buy food for their children:

- ✓ **Families with one or more children in their household**
- ✓ **Children are approved for free and reduced price meals at school**

P-EBT APPLICATION

Families must complete the online application to receive benefits. Without the requested information, DCFS cannot issue the P-EBT card and provide benefits.

Applicants must provide the full names of the student and parent, date of birth, Social Security number, home address, school and school district.

ACCESS THE **P - EBT** APPLICATION 

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, families can:

- Consult a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Contact the [LAHelpU Call Center](#) at 1-888-524-3578



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