

Summer EBT 2024

This flyer provides information for the 2024 Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT) program. It will include a program overview, benefit issuance and timeline, automatic eligibility determinations, and contact information.

What is S-EBT?

S-EBT is a new permanent and nationwide nutrition assistance program created by Congress and signed into law by President Biden to be effective in the 2023-2024 School Year (SY). S-EBT is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Child Nutrition Program. Like the temporary Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT), S-EBT's purpose is to reduce hunger and food insecurity for children who lose access to free and reduced-price meals through the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the summer when school is not in session. Because several system enhancements are required to administer the S-EBT Program, benefits will begin to be issued starting September 14, 2024. S-EBT applications for the 2024 summer will be available on September 20, 2024.

Children who meet the eligibility criteria will receive \$40 per month in food benefits via an EBT card for the covered summer period of June, July, and August, for a total of \$120 per eligible child.

Please note: S-EBT benefits are different from SNAP benefits in that they expire 122 days after the benefit availability date. If the benefits are not used in 122 days they will be removed from the card and will not be replaced per federal regulation.

Households are not allowed to receive more than \$120 per school year per child and are only allowed to use the benefits from the State where their children completed school during the 2023-2024 school year. **Intentionally using duplicate benefits will result in the household being required to pay back benefits.**

Who is administering S-EBT?

The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) is the lead agency for S-EBT. The Nevada Department of Education (NDE), and Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) work in partnership with DWSS to administer the Program.

S-EBT is a Child Nutrition program, and the program rules and eligibility criteria are similar to the NSLP. As described above, DWSS is the lead agency for the S-EBT program as DWSS has the infrastructure to administer the S-EBT benefits. DWSS is partnering with NDE and NDA in gathering the data for eligible students. The State IC staff from the NDE has been working with each school district to obtain data on NSLP-eligible students in the 2023-2024 SY. NDA will be providing data on children who participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The data files will be provided by NDE and NDA in the agreed data file layout to DWSS via a secure file transfer protocol (SFTP). All data files will be provided to DWSS by July 1, 2024.

Who is eligible for S-EBT?

The S-EBT program rules are complex, and several factors must be considered and evaluated to determine S-EBT eligibility. The 2024 S-EBT period of eligibility is defined as the period between the first day of school

(for the majority of the state) through the last operational day of the summer operational period (August 7, 2023, to August 12, 2024).

The bullet points below provide an outline of who is eligible and how eligibility is determined.

Children who are eligible for S-EBT and who will be Streamlined Certified (automatic enrollment).

- **Direct Certification:**

- SNAP*
- TANF
- Medicaid*
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)*
- Free or Reduced Lunch Meal (FRL) Application**

*With income confirmed at or under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level

**Students who are determined FRL eligible by an FRL application must also be enrolled in a school that participates in the NSLP/SBP.

- **Categorical Eligible Students:** are students who are certified to be eligible for the FRL program because they are:

- Homeless
- a migrant
- a foster care child
- a runaway

Please note: these children **do not** have to be enrolled in an NSLP participating school.

Children whose eligibility must be determined by an S-EBT application:

Guardians of students who attend an NSLP/SBP-participating school and who are not already certified either by an NSLP application, Direct Certification, or Categorical Eligibility must submit an S-EBT application. To be deemed eligible, the child's household income must be at or below 185% FPL for their household size. This includes students who participate through Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools. Based on the information for SY 2022-2023, most schools statewide that participate in the NSLP are CEP schools. To alleviate the need for households to apply for the S-EBT program, students who meet one of the categories listed above for Streamline Certification must be indicated as such in the certification type field in the data file that will be provided to DWSS by the State Infinite Campus Administrator. For students whose FRL certification type is CEP, if an email address for the student's primary guardian is provided in the FRL file, DWSS will send an email about the 2024 S-EBT program including how to apply.

Eligibility for Children Ages 0-22:

To account for all eligible students including those in specialized programs in each district, any child *(0-5) or student up to age **22 who is enrolled in a school that participates in the NSLP or School Breakfast Program (SBP) who is enrolled and eligible for the NSLP or SBP via one of the modalities listed below are eligible for S-EBT.

- Direct Certification
- Categorical Eligibility

- Summer EBT Application

*Children in a qualifying Head Start program.

**Children who are older than 18 years of age who are— (I) determined by a State educational agency or a local public educational agency of a State, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary, to have a disability, and (II) participating in a public or nonprofit private school program established for individuals who have a disability.

Eligibility for Children Ages 6-18:

Children of the compulsory age in the State of Nevada (ages 6-18 as of July 1, 2024) who are not enrolled in an NSLP/SBP participating school are eligible for Summer EBT if they participate in SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPIR as long as the household was confirmed at or under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and they participated in those programs during the 2023-2024 SY through the end of the S-EBT summer operation period (August 12, 2024). This may include homeschooled students and those students enrolled in private schools.

Automatic Eligibility Determination Process (Streamlined Certification)

Eligibility for children who meet the criteria for Streamline Certification will be automatically determined by DWSS using the SNAP, TANF, and MED eligibility database, the data file from NDE'S state edition of Infinite Campus, and the NDA FDPIR file.

No separate S-EBT application is required for these students.

Streamline Certification Will Be Determined as Follows:

1. Children ages 6-18 certified through Nevada's welfare system: enrolled in SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPIR (with income confirmed at or under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level).

OR

2. Enrolled in a school participating in the NSLP/SBP. Certified through the school district's Infinite Campus System or other school registration system:

AND

Determined eligible during **the 2023–2024 SY** for free or reduced-price meals through meal application, direct certification, or designation as homeless, migrant, or foster.

Eligibility Determination Process through S-EBT Applications

It's important to note that S-EBT has different eligibility requirements from the temporary Pandemic EBT program. Students who are enrolled in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools but not identified by the DWSS or the NDE as eligible for Streamline Certification must submit an S-EBT application to become eligible for the program. This may confuse households who received P-EBT as P-EBT provided benefits to all children attending a CEP school.

Children enrolled in schools that participate in the NSLP/SBP that were not identified as eligible through Streamline Certification but would qualify for S-EBT due to their household's circumstances will need to apply through an S-EBT application. Households who may qualify will need to submit an online application through the DWSS S-EBT web portal. Eligibility will be determined within 15 days of application, and if eligible, benefits will be deposited on an S-EBT card and mailed to the household.

How will Summer EBT benefits be distributed?

S-EBT benefits will be distributed in one of the following manners:

1. In instances where a child and the primary guardian as indicated in the FRL file are matched to the same open and active DWSS SNAP or TANF case in the months of September, August, July, and June 2024, S-EBT benefits will be deposited on the households SNAP and or TANF EBT card.
2. On a new S-EBT card and mailed to the address provided to DWSS in the FRL file from the State Infinite Campus system.

How can households make sure they receive the summer EBT card?

If a family moves, they should provide the US Postal Service with a change of address.

Make sure that the address provided is an address where the child's guardian and child can receive mail (i.e. name is on their mailbox, P.O. Box, etc).

For children approved through streamlined certification (automatic enrollment)

For eligible households, S-EBT cards will be mailed to the address provided to DWSS in the FRL file from the State Infinite Campus system.

Households should provide their child's/children's school with their current mailing address by June 10, 2024. **Please note**, the addresses provided in the FRL file will be compared to the DWSS SNAP, TANF, and MEDICAID, eligibility database. In instances where a child and the primary guardian as indicated in the FRL file are found in the DWSS database and are in the same DWSS assistance unit, the address for the DWSS case will be compared to the FRL file address and the card will be mailed to the most current address.

For children approved through an S-EBT application.

The S-EBT card will be mailed to the address provided on the S-EBT application.


Support for Households Experiencing Homelessness

Ensuring access to S-EBT for children of households experiencing homelessness is critical for fighting food insecurity. For children not on active SNAP or TANF cases, an S-EBT card will be mailed to the last known address known to the school. If the student is no longer residing at that address, primary guardians will be able to have an EBT card issued at designated DWSS Welfare offices. A list of offices will be available by September 1, 2024.

When can eligible households expect to start getting the new summer EBT cards in the mail?

To account for card vendor processing time, households should expect to receive the S-EBT card 4-6 weeks after the benefits are issued.

Resources and Additional Information

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has branded the S-EBT as SUN Bucks and has developed a S-EBT outreach toolkit for use on the USDA website [Summer EBT Outreach Toolkit](#). The outreach toolkit includes videos, facts sheets, and customizable resources in a variety of languages to inform households about S-EBT and how to use their benefits.

Information for the S-EBT program will be communicated to the public through Social Media posts, press releases, and by DWSS's trusted partners.

DWSS will have a dedicated S-EBT call center, and S-EBT information posted on the DWSS website on July 15, 2024. <https://dwss.nv.gov/>

For S-EBT questions, please reach out to Sheri Gallucci sgallucci@dwss.nv.gov or Brady Ballentine-Muchicko bmuchicko@dwss.nv.gov. These email addresses are **not for household inquiries** about S-EBT.