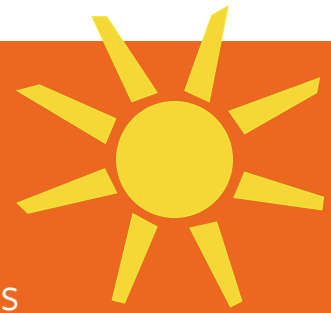




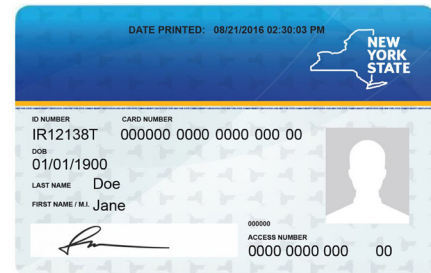
Summer EBT

An Overview for Schools and
Community-Based Organizations



Summer EBT (S-EBT) is a food benefit program that helps low-income families with school-age children buy groceries during the summer, when kids might not have access to school meals.

- Families receive a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child for the entire summer.
- Benefits are provided on an EBT card, which can be used like a debit card to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers.
- Benefits expire 122 days after issuance. Families should keep their cards from year to year.



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Eligibility and Enrollment

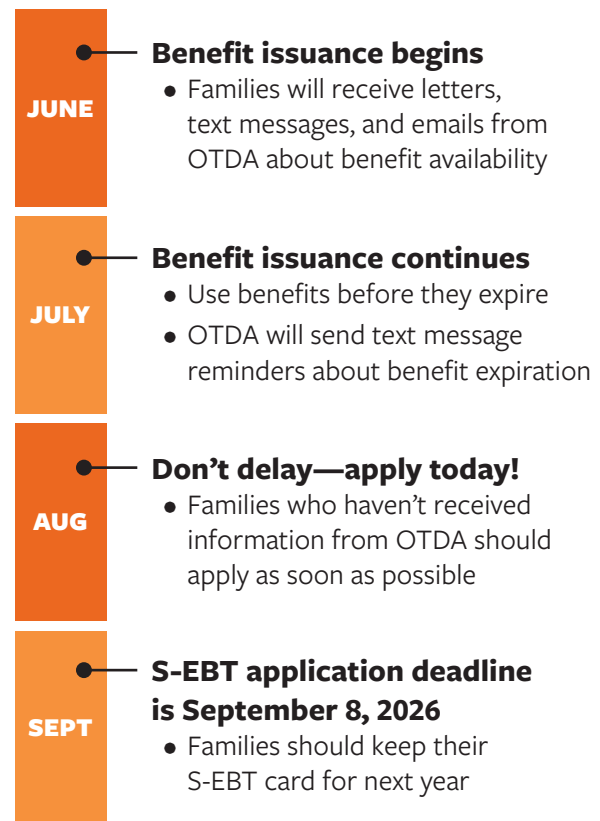
Many children **receive S-EBT automatically**, including those who:

- Receive SNAP or Temporary Assistance, or are directly certified for free school meals through Medicaid, **or**
- Are reported as eligible for free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program by their school.

Children who are not automatically enrolled may be able to receive benefits by **completing an application**, if:

- They attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program, **and**
- The household's income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.

S-EBT Outreach Messaging Timeline



How You Can Help

Spread the word about Summer EBT (and summer meals!)

S-EBT outreach resources, including flyers, sample text, and graphics, are available to use in your community.

NYSOTDA: otda.ny.gov/summer-ebt

Hunger Solutions New York: HungerSolutionsNY.org/summer

Outreach resources available at
HungerSolutionsNY.org/summer



Connect students with Summer EBT

Through SNAP: SNAP participation is a seamless way for students to automatically receive S-EBT. Our SNAP Outreach Toolkit can help you reach eligible families and encourage them to apply. →

Through School Data: Schools play a crucial role by providing student-level enrollment and demographic data to the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) accesses this data to issue benefits to families. Submitting accurate, up-to-date student-level data and communicating with families are key. Visit HungerSolutionsNY.org/SEBT-and-Schools

By Application: Students who are not automatically enrolled can apply for S-EBT at OTDA's website: otda.ny.gov/summer-ebt. Families will need to use or create a NY.Gov account to check eligibility and apply.

Our SNAP Outreach Toolkit for Schools



Sample language, graphics, and communication tools to help schools connect families to SNAP.

