

PANDEMIC-EBT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS; **DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 29**

LOUISIANA REOPENS 2019-2020 P-EBT APPLICATION FOR FAMILIES WHO DID NOT APPLY IN MAY AND JUNE

Louisiana is giving families another opportunity to receive financial benefits from school meals missed when schools closed in 2019-2020 due to the pandemic. This program will provide extra help buying groceries for the families of the children who normally receive free and reduced-price meals at school. This second application period is only for families of the estimated 264,111 students who did not apply to receive P-EBT benefits during the initial window in May and June.

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

Households that meet the following criteria may 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 normally receive free and reduced price meals at school.
- ✓ Families who did not receive P-EBT benefits for the eligible child in May and June

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. Information must exactly match the information in your local school's records.

ACCESS THE P-EST APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, families can:

- Consult a list of <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>
- Contact the LAHelpU Call Center at 1-888-524-3578





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