



# Temporary Food Benefits for Students

**With schools closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, students still need to be able to access healthy meals.** To help with this, families with a child or children who usually get free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program can get temporary food benefits. These benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is providing these benefits automatically for most families based on the information they have for you. If the Wisconsin Department of Health Services doesn't have enough information about you, you'll be able to apply for the benefits.



## Some families will get the benefits **automatically**.

You'll get a letter in the mail by May 20 letting you know that you're automatically getting the benefits based on the information the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has for you. You may also get an email in addition to the mailed letter.



**APPLY**

## Some families will need to **apply** for the benefits.

If you aren't notified by May 20 that you're automatically getting the benefits, you'll need to apply for them. If you're not sure if you're able to get these benefits, check with your school before you apply.

Make sure you have this information ready when you apply:

- Your home address and a mailing address if you want information sent to a different address.
- The name and date of birth of each child who usually gets free or reduced price meals. This needs to **exactly** match the information your school has on file.
- The county where each child goes to school and the school district's name.

The application will be online and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Your school will send you the link to the application.



## Learn more about these benefits.

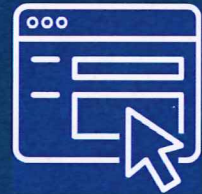
Benefits will be put on your QUEST card if you have one, or you will be sent a P-EBT card in the mail. You can use these cards like debit cards to buy food, such as:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, and fish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Other foods, such as snacks
- Seeds and plants to grow food for your family to eat

If you're able to get the benefits, you'll get a combined benefit amount for March and April of \$176.70 for each child. For May and June combined, you'll get \$148.20 for each child. Most families will have the benefits put on their card at two different times. You can check the balance on your card at any time by going to [ebtedge.com](http://ebtedge.com) or using the ebtEDGE mobile app.

## Looking for more information?

Go to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth-foodshare.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth-foodshare.htm).



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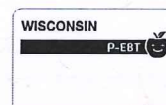
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