

# **P - E B T** 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 younger than age 18**
- ✓ **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 - E B T** 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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