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## How to Apply?

### My child attends a school that participates in the NSLP/SBP and receives federal free or federal reduced price school meals. Do I have to do anything?

No. If your child attends a school that participates in the NSLP/SBP and has already been certified as eligible to receive federal free or federal reduced price school meals by your school district AND your household income is below 185% of the 2024-2025 [federal poverty level](#), then your child is automatically eligible to receive the federal Summer EBT benefit, and **no further action is required, but make sure your child's school has your current address on file so benefits get sent to the correct address.**

### My child attends a school that participates in the NSLP/SBP, but they do not currently receive federal free or federal reduced price school meals. Do I need to apply?

If your household does not participate in NJ SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid, or Foster Care, and you did not complete and return a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to your child's school, then you are encouraged to submit a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to see if you qualify for the federal Summer EBT benefit. Applications are available online via your child's school district website, or paper applications may be obtained at your child's school.

### My child attends a school that provides free meals for every student in the school. Do I still need to apply?

Yes. If your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school (where free meals are provided for every student in the school), and your household does not participate in NJ SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid, or Foster Care, and you did not complete and return a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to your child's school, then you are encouraged to submit a School Meals and Summer EBT Application to see if you qualify for the federal Summer EBT benefit. Applications are available online via your child's school district website, or paper applications may be obtained at your child's school.

### My child does not attend an NSLP/SBP-participating school or is home-schooled. Do I need to apply?

If your child does not attend an NSLP/SBP-participating school, or is home-schooled, but your household participates in SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid, or Foster Care at any point during the 2024-2025 school year, and your child is between the ages of 6-16 years old, they will automatically qualify for the Summer EBT benefit. **No further application is necessary, but make sure your local county social service agency has your current address on file.**



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