Child Care Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a food assistance program for households that receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and have children 5 years old and younger to help purchase food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is no application for P-EBT. P-EBT eligibility will be determined each month based on the child’s age and status of the FNS case. If the child is no longer included in an active FNS case, P-EBT benefits will end with the last month of FNS.

Follow the chart below to see if your child is eligible for P-EBT benefits for any given month between September 2021 and May 2022.

Is your child 5 years old or younger as of September 1, 2021?

Yes

Does your child belong to a household with an active FNS case?

Yes

Your child is eligible for Child Care P-EBT.

How can I apply for FNS?

Apply online with ePASS.

Or

Apply in person at your county Department of Social Services (DSS) office.

Or

Fill out a paper application and mail to/drop off at your county DSS office.

No

No

Your child is not eligible for Child Care P-EBT because they over the age of 6.

Your child is not eligible for Child Care P-EBT because they are not included in an active FNS case.

IMPORTANT:

Eligibility will be checked for each benefit month.

IMPORTANT:

If your household applies for FNS and receives approval, children 5 years old and younger in that household will receive Child Care P-EBT from the month of case opening through the end of the school year if the case remains active.

Benefits will not be issued back to the beginning of the school year for new FNS cases.