

# HAWAI'I P-EBT

If your child was getting free or reduced-price school lunch during the school year, you are eligible for food-purchasing assistance of **up to \$360 per child**.

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

Any household with children in Kindergarten through grade 12, who was eligible for free or reduced-price lunch at school, is eligible for P-EBT.

## HOW DO I GET P-EBT BENEFITS?

The Hawai'i Department of Human Services will automatically send benefits to eligible households - you do not need to apply! If your family is not already getting SNAP, please look out for a Hawai'i P-EBT card that looks like this in the mail, and do NOT throw it out after you've used it:



## WILL I GET A CARD FOR EACH CHILD?

No. The P-EBT card will be in the name of the oldest child in your family, and benefits for all eligible children will be loaded onto the one card.

## WHAT IF I ALREADY GET SNAP?

If you already get SNAP - also known as food stamps - the benefits will be automatically loaded on your Kokua EBT card.

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## DO I HAVE TO SPEND P-EBT BENEFITS RIGHT AWAY?

No. You have 180 days (6 months) from the date when you activate your P-EBT card, or the month when P-EBT benefits go on your Kokua EBT card, to spend your P-EBT benefits on food. Please do NOT throw out your P-EBT card after you finish using it.

## CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS GET P-EBT?

Yes. P-EBT is available to any child who was getting free or reduced-price school lunch during the school year. It will NOT impact your citizenship or immigration status and NO social security number is required.

## I DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE SNAP, BUT THINK I MAY BE ELIGIBLE. HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

You can now apply for SNAP online!  
Please go to [pais.dhs.hawaii.gov/PAIS](https://pais.dhs.hawaii.gov/PAIS) to apply.

## MY CHILD GETS FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH AT SCHOOL, BUT I DID NOT RECEIVE A CARD OR ANY BENEFITS?

You can check your P-EBT status at [pais-pebt.dhs.hawaii.gov](https://pais-pebt.dhs.hawaii.gov). If you think you're eligible and have not gotten benefits by July 20, or think you got the wrong amount of benefits, or need other assistance, please visit [humanservices.hawaii.gov](https://humanservices.hawaii.gov), e-mail [hi.pebt@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:hi.pebt@dhs.hawaii.gov), or call 2-1-1.



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