

The Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) program helps families buy food while school is out during the summer and nutritious school meals may not be available. Through Summer EBT, families can get one payment per summer for each eligible child in their household. For the 2024-25 school year, Summer EBT benefits will be sent to families with eligible children starting May 2025.

If your child gets free or reduced price meals at our school, they automatically qualify for Summer EBT for Summer 2025. If you move or need to change your contact information before benefits start to be issued in May 2025, you should use the Department of Health Services' Benefit Management Tool at summerebt.wi.gov/s/SummerBenefitInfo to let the state know.

If your child does not get free or reduced price meals, there are actions you can take to see if they can qualify before Summer EBT benefits are sent out for Summer 2025.

- **You can apply for free or reduced price meals at Cochrane Fountain City School for your child.** If they are approved anytime during the 2024-25 school year, they will automatically qualify for Summer EBT.
- **You can apply to participate in another qualifying state benefit program.** Your child will automatically qualify for Summer EBT if your household gets FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, or participates in certain income-based Medicaid programs.
If you apply and are approved for one of these programs before the end of Summer 2025, then your child who attends Cochrane Fountain City School will be eligible for Summer EBT for 2025. To learn more about applying for any of these state benefits you can call 211, visit access.wi.gov, or contact your local or tribal agency. Visit dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm to find the agency based on where you live who will help you apply or enroll for programs.
- **You can apply directly for Summer EBT.** You can apply on <https://wisconsin.summerebtapp.com> for Summer EBT. When applying for Summer EBT for your child(ren) who attend Cochrane Fountain City School, you will need to show that your household meets the income requirements for the program. The Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt has more information on what these income requirements are.

Note: This information is for children that attend Cochrane Fountain City School. If you have another child that goes to a different school, the steps here might not be the right ones for them to qualify for Summer EBT and they may get a different letter explaining how they would qualify. You can visit dhs.wi.gov/sebt to learn more.

Getting Summer EBT does not affect whether your child can get other benefits, such as meals offered through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO). To learn more about SFSP or SSO meal sites near you, visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp/find-summer-meals-site> or call 211. You can also text 'food' to 304-304. Getting Summer EBT also does not affect your child's or family's immigration status.

If you have other questions about the Summer EBT program, please visit the Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt. You can also email your questions to dhsebtssupport@wi.gov.