# What is Summer EBT?

## Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer, or Summer EBT,

provides assistance to children who lose access to free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the summer when school is not in session.





#### HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

You have the right to make a complaint if the Department of Human Services has discriminated against you. You can make a complaint orally or in writing by contacting the Office of Program and Grant Management-Civil Rights Unit, PO Box 1437-Slot S335, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437, by emailing DCOCivilRightsComplaints@dhs.arkansas.gov or by calling 501-534-4119.

#### SNAP NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <a href="http://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf">www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf</a>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to:

Mail: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA 1320 Braddock Place, Room 334 Alexandria, VA 22314

or Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442

or Email: FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov

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# Feeding Hope, One Child at a Time.





# **How it Works**

- Benefits are issued on an EBT card in the name of each eligible child.
- 2. If you received Summer EBT before, your benefits will be loaded on the same EBT card.
- 3. If you have not received Summer EBT before you will receive a new card.
- 4. If your card was stolen or lost, please call **1-800-997-9999** to order a new one.

# Who is Automatically Eligible?

### You do not need to apply if your child:

- <u>Applied</u> and was <u>approved</u> for free or reduced breakfast/lunch at their NSLP/ SBP school.
- Is 5-17 years old and received SNAP or TEA benefits during the current school year.

# Who Needs to Apply?

Children who have a household income at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level need to apply if they:

- Did not receive SNAP/TEA benefits during the current school year.
- Attend an NSLP school where all students receive free or reduced-price lunches.
- Do not attend an NSLP school.

# **Other categories**

- Children any age who attend Head Start or Early Head Start are automatically eligible, but they must turn in an application to receive benefits.
- Children who are 5-17 years of age and were in foster care, homeless, runaway, or in a migrant family are automatically eligible but may have to apply for services.

# What is Countable Income?

### Countable income includes:

- Earnings from work
- Earnings from U.S. Military
- SSI/SSA income
- Child support/Alimony
- Retirement income
- Unemployment & Disability benefits

# **How to Apply**

Visit our website at **ar.gov/summerebt** to find an interactive eligibility flowchart. Answer each question to help determine your status.



# **Questions?**

Visit **ar.gov/summerebt** to find all the information you need, including a Frequently Asked Questions section. Together, we can ensure children have access to the meals they need this summer.