

# Summer EBT Program Overview

Kathryn Garland

April 10, 2025



# What is Summer EBT (SEBT)?

Summer EBT (SEBT) is an annual grocery benefits program to help families buy food for their school-age children during the summer months when school is out.

- School-age children participating in SNAP\*, TANF, OHP\*, experiencing homelessness or are in foster care are automatically enrolled.
- School-aged children who meet the income requirements for receiving free or reduced-price lunches may also qualify by application.
- In Summer EBT's inaugural year in 2024, SEBT was issued to **361,207** children in Oregon. The program brought in **\$43.3 million** in grocery benefits that families spent in their communities.

\* SNAP allotments over \$0, OHP programs under 185 FPL



# 2024 SEBT By The Numbers

In its first year as a permanent food program, Oregon's Summer EBT program goal was to serve 350,000 children with these benefits in 2024.

**354,548** Children received SEBT through Streamlined Eligibility

**7,498** Approved SEBT Applications in 2024

**47.6%** of children who received SEBT live in urban areas, **34.9%** live in metro areas and **17.4%** live in rural areas across Oregon

**42.6%** of all children attending school in Oregon received Summer EBT in 2024



# Summer EBT (SEBT)

- Summer EBT provides a one-time EBT benefit of **\$120** for each eligible child in the home.
- Unlike SNAP, Summer EBT benefits do expire from EBT cards if unused after **122 days**.
- School-age children who are found to be automatically eligible for SEBT in 2025 will receive benefits on **May 23, 2025**.
  - Benefits are issued in one payment on an Oregon EBT card
  - If 2025 is the first year a family is approved for Summer EBT benefits, an EBT card will be mailed to them.
  - If a family misplaced their EBT card from last year and need a replacement, we encourage them to call the EBT card replacement line at 1-855-328-6715.



# Summer EBT (SEBT)

## Automatic Eligibility

Families may be automatically eligible for Summer EBT benefits in 2025 if at any time during the 2024-25 school year they:

- Received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**SNAP**), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (**TANF**), or the Oregon Health Plan (**OHP or also known as Medicaid**)
- Their child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), and your household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals, or
- Their child was in **foster care** during the 2024-25 school year, or
- Their child attends a school that offers the NSLP or SBP and is:
  - Enrolled in migrant programs
  - Experiencing houselessness
  - Participating in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
  - Attending a **Head Start** that participates in the NSLP or SBP programs



# Summer EBT (SEBT)

## Eligible by Application:

Families may be eligible by application if:

- Their household meets the income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, AND
- Their child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

**Paper applications** are available for download year-round in 10 languages on the SEBT website and can be submitted to the Summer EBT Policy team via email at [SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov).

- English Website: [sebt.Oregon.gov](http://sebt.Oregon.gov)
- Spanish Website: [ebtv.Oregon.gov](http://ebtv.Oregon.gov)

**Online Applications** are available through the Summer EBT Application Portal from May 30, 2025 – September 3, 2025, during our Summer Operational Period.

School-age children eligible by application will receive a decision notice, and benefits if eligible, within 15 days of applying.



# Summer EBT Call Center

*The Summer EBT Call Center Opens **Monday, May 19, 2025***

***Hours of Operation:*** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT

- General information
- Eligibility confirmation
- Application status
- Oregon EBT card questions

**1-833-673-7328**  
**1-833-ORE-SEBT**

**The Call Center will be able to support the following languages:** Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), English, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese

## Summer EBT Email

# SummerEBTInfo@odhs.oregon.gov

- General information
- Eligibility confirmation
- Oregon EBT card questions
- Applications can be submitted by email
- Application status

**Website:** (English) [SEBT.Oregon.Gov](http://SEBT.Oregon.Gov) / (Spanish) [EBTV.Oregon.Gov](http://EBTV.Oregon.Gov)



## Summer EBT PO Box

**PO Box 14840 Salem, OR 97309**

If applicants are unable to complete the online application or do not have access to upload and email their applications to the email address provided on the previous slide, applications and documents may be sent by postal mail to the Post Office Box listed above.

**Website:** (English) [SEBT.Oregon.Gov](http://SEBT.Oregon.Gov) / (Spanish) [EBTV.Oregon.Gov](http://EBTV.Oregon.Gov)

# Learn more about Oregon Summer EBT

## Oregon Summer EBT

🇪🇸 Español

### New food benefits for school-aged kids

Summer EBT is a new grocery benefits program that starts this summer. It helps families buy food for their school-aged children during summer when school is out.

Sign up for updates and we'll let you know when the program starts.

📧 Sign up for updates

❓ Frequently asked questions

📰 Read the news release

🔗 Resources for partners



**Families will get \$120 for each eligible child.** You will get this all in one payment on an Oregon EBT card.

**Already have SNAP, TANF or OHP?** You don't need to apply. Summer EBT will be added to your EBT card automatically.

**Don't have SNAP, TANF or OHP?** Check below to see if you're [eligible](#). You can apply starting this summer.

### About Summer EBT

➔ Who is eligible

+

➔ How to apply

+

## EBT de Verano de Oregon

🇺🇸 English

### Nuevos beneficios de alimentos para niños en edad escolar

El EBT de Verano es un nuevo programa de beneficios de alimentos que comienza este verano. El programa ayuda a las familias a comprar comida para sus niños en edad escolar durante el verano cuando no van a la escuela.

Regístrese para recibir noticias y le avisaremos cuando comience el programa. Para ver la página en español, haga clic en el menú en la parte superior de la página.

📧 Regístrese para recibir noticias

❓ Preguntas frecuentes

📰 Lea el comunicado de prensa

🔗 Recursos para socios (en inglés)



**Las familias recibirán \$120 por cada niño elegible.** Se realizará un pago único cada verano.

**¿Ya tiene SNAP, TANF o OHP?** No es necesario llenar una aplicación. El EBT de Verano se agregará automáticamente a su tarjeta EBT.

**¿No tiene SNAP, TANF o OHP?** Revise la siguiente información para ver si es [elegible](#). Una aplicación sencilla estará disponible este verano.

### Acerca de EBT de Verano

➔ ¿Quién es elegible?

+

➔ ¿Cómo funciona este programa?

+

[sebt.oregon.gov](https://sebt.oregon.gov)

[ebtv.oregon.gov](https://ebtv.oregon.gov)

# Summer EBT Outreach

## How you can help us spread the word about Summer EBT

- ❑ **Share the flyer!** Help us to let families know that they could be receiving additional food benefits through Summer EBT this year by sharing the [2025 Summer EBT flyer](#) or by printing copies of the flyer to have available at your school, organization or business for families to take and share.
- ❑ **Families can apply anytime.** Paper applications are available now for download in 10 languages at [sebt.oregon.gov](https://sebt.oregon.gov) and can be emailed to [SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov). Applications will be processed beginning on **May 30, 2025**. Online applications will also be available at [sebt.oregon.gov](https://sebt.oregon.gov) beginning **May 30, 2025**.
- ❑ **Questions?** If families or students have questions, they can send us an email at [SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov).



The flyer is titled "Summer EBT is back in 2025" and features the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Department of Education logos. It includes a "Quick Fact" section stating that Summer EBT (SEBT) is a grocery benefits program that helps families buy food for their school-aged children when school is out. Each summer, families will get one payment of \$120 on an Oregon EBT card for each eligible child to buy groceries. Unused Summer EBT benefits expire 122 days after issuance. The "Key Dates" section indicates that paper applications are available in 10 languages online at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> for families that need to apply, starting on May 23, 2025. Online applications will open on May 30, 2025, with an application deadline of September 3, 2025. The "Families may automatically receive Summer EBT in 2025 if:" section lists criteria such as SNAP food benefits, TANF cash assistance, Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) or Medicaid, and Foster care. The "Families may need to apply if:" section lists criteria such as meeting income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, and attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP). A QR code is provided for more information.

**OREGON SUMMER EBT**  
NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Oregon Department of Human Services  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Summer EBT is back in 2025

#### Learn how the program can help feed kids.

Summer EBT (SEBT) is a grocery benefits program. It helps families buy food for their school-aged children when school is out. Each summer, families will get one payment of \$120 on an Oregon EBT card for each eligible child to buy groceries. Unused Summer EBT benefits expire 122 days after issuance.

#### Quick Fact

**Did you apply in 2024?**  
Applications submitted in 2024 will be re-used to determine eligibility for 2025.

#### Families may automatically receive Summer EBT in 2025 if:

Your child got benefits for 2024 through an approved application. Or, your child experienced one of the following anytime during the 2024-25 school year:

- SNAP food benefits.
- TANF cash assistance.
- Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) or Medicaid, and your household has income under 185% of the federal poverty level.
- Foster care.
- Attending a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) and meet household income requirements.

#### Key Dates

**Now**  
Paper applications available in 10 languages online at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> for families that need to apply.

**May 23, 2025**  
Benefits begin issuing for families who are automatically eligible.

**May 30, 2025**  
Online application opens

**Sept. 3, 2025**  
Application deadline.

#### Families may need to apply if:

- ✓ Your household meets the income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, **AND**
- ✓ Your child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

For more information, visit our webpage at <https://sebt.oregon.gov> or by scanning the QR code.

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer free of charge. Contact the Summer EBT Unit at [SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov](mailto:SummerEBTinfo@odhs.oregon.gov) or 503-945-5600. We accept relay calls.

# What did families say about Summer EBT?



"This was an amazing program. We were struggling and to see the joy on our sons face when we could get him the nutritional food without having to put anything back was amazing."

"I loved this program. It was frustrating to get approved as I was never informed I needed to send in any verifications due to being newer in the state. Once approved it has been easy to use and a great benefit. I love the double up bucks at specific farms and markets. It helped my family eat fresh veggies when I was unable to afford them."



"I didn't ever receive any information. So I went online and found a number to call. I called and the lady was amazing on talking me what steps to take. The application is also straight forward and easy to navigate. It took maybe a week to get a decision. It was amazing. Thank you all for all you do!"

"It was significantly helpful. As a family, we budget every meal we have for the month and this gave us a little bit of room for food that we normally don't get. Protein in general has gotten really expensive and we had it a few times during the month more than usual."

