OHVA and P-EBT

What is the P-EBT Program and how do I qualify?

OHVA is pleased to announce that eligible students in need can receive nutrition assistance. The Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a temporary program implemented during COVID to provide eligible children with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and this department is partnering with the Ohio Department of Education to make sure eligible school children receive this benefit. Prior to this school year, students enrolled in virtual schools were not eligible for P-EBT. The requirements to receive benefits are:

- Current enrollment in a virtual school
- Enrollment in virtual school or home school between January 27, 2020 to January 20, 2023 due to COVID-19 concerns
- Prior to enrolling in a virtual school or homeschooling, the child was enrolled in a traditional "brick and mortar" school that participated in a National School Lunch Program (except those students who were in K-2 who never attended a brick and mortar)
- The child's household must qualify for free or reduced lunch/economic disadvantagement

What do I need to do?

The first step in receiving your benefits is to apply for them at the website. Below is more information about the process, and you can also visit Ohio Job and Family Services for more details.

Apply

Fill out this application at the Job and Family Services Website. The application will be available from February 20, 2023 through May 31, 2023. Be sure to indicate income and upload documentation.

Be Informed

Visit the Ohio Job and Family Services Website for more information about the process and how much eligible students receive. Also, note that the process could take up to 90 days.

Check

You can check in on the process by contacting the P-EBT customer service line at 1-866-244-0071 Option 1. However, they may not have an update until 90 days have passed.