

# INTRODUCING SUN BUCKS

**SUN Bucks (formerly Summer EBT) is an income-based food support program that provides families with \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy groceries during the summer.**



**Find out if your children are eligible for SUN Bucks grocery benefits.**

## Who can get SUN Bucks?

### Automatically

Children (ages 7-17) will get SUN Bucks automatically if they meet **ONE of the following criteria:**

- ✓ **Are homeless, a migrant, or in foster care**
- ✓ **Get help from one of these programs:**

- MFIP (Minnesota Family Investment Program)
- SNAP (food support)
- Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Medical Assistance (income limits apply)
- FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations)

If your child meets one of these criteria, you don't need to apply.

### By Applying

Your child can also get SUN Bucks if you meet **BOTH of the following criteria:**

- ✓ **Your family applies and is approved for free or reduced-price school meals**
- ✓ **They go to a school participating in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program (all public schools and some private schools)**

If your family already applied and was approved for free or reduced-price school meals after July 1, 2024, your application will automatically be applied to SUN Bucks.

Contact your school with any questions or to confirm your up-to-date mailing address.

## How to Apply

If you are not automatically eligible, meet income requirements, and have not applied for free or reduced-price school meals for the 2024-25 school year, you need to apply in one of the following ways:

- ✓ **Ask your child's school for the meal application**
- ✓ **Apply online: [minnesota.summerebtapp.com/begin](https://minnesota.summerebtapp.com/begin)**

## What to Know

- ✓ A new SUN Bucks card (similar to an EBT card) will be sent to the child's home address on file. The benefit amount of \$120 can be accessed just like a debit card.
- ✓ The child's name and case number will be printed on the front of the new SUN Bucks card.
- ✓ SUN Bucks benefits will expire 122 days after the benefits are available to use in the account.
- ✓ Families can create an EBT Edge account at [www.ebtedge.com](https://www.ebtedge.com) to see their benefit balance and availability date.

## Using Your SUN Bucks Card

- ✓ Use your SUN Bucks to buy healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy. SUN Bucks cards work anywhere SNAP is accepted.



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