



# Learn How SUN Bucks Can Help Your Family!



**SUN Bucks** is a grocery benefits program to help families buy food during the summer when schools are closed. Families get **\$120** for each eligible school-age child. Children who get these benefits can still participate in other summer meal programs.

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## How does SUN Bucks work?

In Washington, SUN Bucks benefits are loaded onto SUN Bucks EBT cards for each eligible child and mailed to your home. SUN Bucks benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets and other places that accept Women, Infants and Children or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program EBT benefits. SUN Bucks is a convenient way to help children get the nutrition they need when schools are closed.



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## Is my child eligible for SUN Bucks?

Your child is eligible for SUN Bucks if:

- Your household already participates in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or SNAP **and** your child is age 8-18 years old.

**OR**

- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program **and** your household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals. You can submit a Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefit application at your child's school to find out whether your child qualifies for free or reduced-price meals.

### Do you have a new address?

SUN Bucks benefits are mailed to either the address on file with DSHS or your child's school. Make sure your address is up to date, so your SUN Bucks benefits are sent to the right place!

## How do I enroll my child in SUN Bucks?

Many families get SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some families might need to apply.

### Do I need to fill out an application?

If your household already participates in TANF or SNAP, your child will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks and you will not need to fill out an application. If your child is automatically eligible, watch for the SUN Bucks EBT card in the mail.

Children enrolled in a school that participates in the NSLP or SBP and individually qualify for free or reduced-price meals for the current school year will be automatically issued SUN Bucks benefits. If your child's school offers meals at no cost to all students, and you have not been notified of your free or reduced-price meal eligibility, you might need to submit a Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefit application to your child's school district or apply for SUN Bucks using the application listed under **How do I apply for SUN Bucks?**

If you are not automatically enrolled and you believe your child is eligible, you can apply for SUN Bucks.

### How do I apply for SUN Bucks?

Visit [sunbucks.dshs.wa.gov](https://sunbucks.dshs.wa.gov) to apply.

When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth and address and your household income. You will not need to provide any other documents or information at the time you apply. But you might have to provide more information before benefits can be issued.

#### For updates or to find out what's available for your family:

You can sign up for text message updates to receive SUN Bucks information right to your phone at [textsunbucks.dshs.wa.gov](https://textsunbucks.dshs.wa.gov) or by scanning the QR code.

Learn more by visiting [dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks](https://dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks).

Contact the SUN Bucks Call Center at 833-543-3230 or TTY 800-833-6384.

