



# SUN Bucks

## A New Summer Food Program For Kids!

### What are SUN Bucks?

SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT, is a new federally funded program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer when schools are closed. Families will get \$120 in food benefits for each eligible child. Families must use their SUN Bucks **within** 122 days of funds being loaded to their card. Children who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other summer meal programs. Using SUN Bucks does not affect a family's immigration status.

### Who gets SUN Bucks?

Most children will automatically get SUN Bucks if they are:

- 6 – 18 years old and get CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal (certified at or under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level [FPL]), including homeschooled children;
  - **IMPORTANT:** Not all children getting Medi-Cal are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks. Children who get Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) or the Adoption Assistance Program can also get Medi-Cal but may not be certified at or below 185% of the FPL and may need to submit a school meal application or an Alternative Income Form with their school.
- 0 – 22 years old and attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program AND are identified as eligible for free or reduced-price meals through a school meal application or an Alternative Income Form.
  - **IMPORTANT:** In California, the Universal Meals Program (UMP) provides school meals at no cost to all school age children, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. Some UMP participants may not be certified at or below 185% of the FPL and may need to submit a school meal application or an Alternative Income Form to your child's school. To learn more information on [income eligibility guidelines](#) visit [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov).

Some children will need to apply to get SUN Bucks. Children who are not automatically eligible can submit a school meal application or Alternative Income Form at their school or school administrator's office **by August 31** to see if they qualify for SUN Bucks within the same year based on household size and income. To learn more, please visit [How to Get SUN Bucks](#) at [www.cdss.ca.gov/sunbucks](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/sunbucks).

### Where to learn more about SUN Bucks?

- Visit the SUN Bucks website: [www.cdss.ca.gov/sunbucks](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/sunbucks) or scan the QR code.
- Cardholders can call the SUN Bucks helpline for assistance at (877) 328-9677.



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