



# SUN Bucks 2025

## What Are SUN Bucks?

SUN Bucks provides families with \$120 for eligible children on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to buy groceries during the summer when school is out. SUN Bucks cards are accepted at locations where CalFresh EBT cards are accepted. **Getting SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.**

## Automatic Enrollment for SUN Bucks 2025

Children who get CalFresh, CalWORKs, and/or Medi-Cal with income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will automatically get SUN Bucks. Children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at certain schools, based on household income requirements, will also get SUN Bucks automatically.

## How To Get SUN Bucks?

If a child is not automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks, they must apply at their school or school administrator's office **by September 2, 2025**, to see if they qualify based on household size and income.

- Children who don't get public assistance and attend a Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2 school, or who get school meals from California's Universal Meals Program must apply. Getting free school meals **does not** guarantee SUN Bucks enrollment.
- Kids who get Medi-Cal will only automatically get SUN Bucks if their family's income is at or below 185% of the FPL. This means that some children who get Medi-Cal will not automatically get SUN Bucks. Common examples include children receiving Supplemental Security Income or Adoption Assistance because these families get Medi-Cal that is not certified at or below 185% of the FPL.



## Friendly Reminders:

- **SUN Bucks expire 122 days after being loaded on the card.** Families are encouraged to spend their SUN Bucks before CalFresh benefits. Check your balance details at [www.ebtedge.com](http://www.ebtedge.com).
- **Update your contact information** with your child's school or school administrator's office, your local county social services office, or at [BenefitsCal.com](http://BenefitsCal.com).
- **Report any SUN Bucks card issues to the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.** A family cannot get more than one SUN Bucks card per child, or get SUN Bucks from more than one state.

## Want to Learn More?

- Visit [www.cdss.ca.gov/SUNBucks](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/SUNBucks).
- Check out the [CDSS YouTube SUN Bucks Playlist](#).
- Scan the quick response (QR) code.



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