



What is SUN Bucks?	Summer EBT also known as SUN Bucks provides \$120 of extra grocery benefits for each eligible child over the summer in one payment. This Summer EBT benefit allows households to buy groceries in similar fashion to using SNAP benefits. SUN Bucks works with other USDA nutrition programs to connect every eligible child with the food they need in the summer.
Who is eligible for SUN Bucks?	There are several ways for a child to be eligible for SUN Bucks. Most children who will receive SUN Bucks are automatically eligible and do not need to apply. To determine if a child is eligible and whether they need to apply, use the Eligibility Navigator .
Will my child get SUN Bucks automatically if they eat free meals at school?	Not necessarily. To determine if your child is eligible for SUN Bucks and whether you need to apply, use the Eligibility Navigator . If you are at a school where everyone receives free lunch, they must qualify separately to receive SUN Bucks. Students can qualify if they receive SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid with qualifying income, if they are considered homeless, migrant, runaway, or in foster care, or determined eligible through a SUN Bucks application.
Does my immigration status impact my child's/children's eligibility for SUN Bucks?	Your U.S. citizenship or immigration status does not affect your eligibility for SUN Bucks benefits. The benefits received through the SUN Bucks program are not subject to public charge consideration. You will not be deported, denied entry to the country, or denied permanent status because you applied for or receive SUN Bucks benefits.
How do I apply for SUN Bucks?	Most eligible households will get SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some households may need to apply for the program. Use the Eligibility Navigator to determine if your child is eligible for SUN Bucks and whether you need to apply. Applications received after August 31, 2026 will be considered for a SUN Bucks benefits in summer 2027. Applications available here



Who do I notify about a change of address?	Households receiving SNAP, TANF or Medicaid through DHS should make sure the county assistance office has their most up to date contact information for their case record. Otherwise, households should make sure that the school has the most up-to-date contact information for the household.
How long do I have to spend my SUN Bucks benefits?	After the SUN Bucks benefit is issued, you have four (4) months to spend the benefit.
What should I do if we should have received SUN Bucks benefits automatically but we have not?	SUN Bucks benefits for Summer 2026 will be distributed beginning around mid-August. If you have not received a notification about your eligibility for SUN Bucks by mid-August and believe that your child(ren) are automatically eligible, contact the Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or 215-560-7226 in Philadelphia.
What should I do if I am having trouble activating my SUN Bucks card?	To receive help activating your SUN Bucks Summer EBT card, please contact the EBT Recipient Hotline at 1-888-EBT-PENN (1-888-328-7366), your local CAO, or the Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or 215-560-7226 in Philadelphia.
What should I do with my SUN Bucks card after I use my benefit?	Keep your card. Since SUN Bucks is a permanent program, DHS will be attempting to reuse cards in future years whenever possible. Households who receive a SUN Bucks card for their children should keep those cards in case they are reloaded for future summers.

For additional information, click [here!](#)