

# PENNSYLVANIA



## What is SUN BUCKS?

- SUN Bucks (Summer EBT), is a grocery benefits program that provides households with a one-time payment of \$120 for each eligible child to buy food while school is out over the summer.
- Many children will get these benefits automatically, but some households will need to apply.
- The benefits will be added to an existing SNAP/TANF card, on the family's SUN Bucks/Summer EBT card from last year or sent on a new Summer EBT card.
- Benefits will start being issued by PA DHS in mid-July 2025.
- SUN Bucks benefits need to be spent within four months of being issued.

## Who is eligible?

- Children are automatically eligible and do not need to apply if any of these apply:
  - The household received SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid ([with qualifying income](#)) between July 1, 2024-Aug. 31, 2025 AND the child is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.
  - The household received SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid ([with qualifying income](#)) AND the child was age 6-18 between July 1, 2024-Aug. 31, 2025, including home-schooled or cyber students.
  - The child is in Head Start, in foster care, a runaway, or experiencing homelessness AND enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.
  - The family applied for and was deemed eligible for free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program.
- Other children may be eligible and families need to apply if:
  - The household meets the [income guidelines](#) AND the child attended a school that participates in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program. Use the PA DHS [Eligibility Navigator](#) to check. .

## What can families do now?

- Make sure their school(s) have their current mailing address. If families do not receive SNAP benefits and did not receive a SUN Bucks card last year, a new EBT card with the SUN Bucks benefit will be mailed to the address on file with their child(ren)'s school(s).
- Use the PA DHS [Eligibility Navigator](#) to see if they qualify for SUN Bucks and if they'll need to apply.
  - The SUN Bucks applications will be available in early July 2025 at the [PA DHS Summer EBT website](#) and at County Assistance Offices.

**Apply for benefits at [compass.state.pa.us](https://compass.state.pa.us).**

**For more information about SUN Bucks visit the PA Sun Bucks Website:**

- [pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/summer-ebt.html](https://pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/summer-ebt.html)  
or call PA DHS's Frequently Asked Questions Hotline: **1-877-762-1575**