



# The Summer Food Program for Kids!



SUN Bucks is a new food program that gives families \$120 per eligible child to buy groceries during the summer. Children who get SUN Bucks can still receive other food programs like CalFresh and meals at Summer Meal Sites. **SUN Bucks is for all eligible children, and will NOT affect immigration status.**

## CAN MY CHILD GET SUN BUCKS?

Your child will automatically get SUN Bucks if:

- Your child got CalFresh or CalWORKS at any point during the 2024-25 school year.
- Your child got Medi-Cal at any point during the 2024-25 school year & your family meets the income guidelines below.
- Your child is experiencing homelessness, living in foster care, or is in a migrant family.
- You **applied** for your child to receive federal Free or Reduced-Price Meals & were **approved** for the 2024-25 school year.

 **Make sure your mailing address is updated with your county so your SUN Bucks are sent to the right place!**

Your child will need to apply for SUN Bucks if:

- Your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 school or a National School Lunch Program/ School Breakfast Program school **AND** has **NOT** completed a free or reduced price school meal application **AND** doesn't meet the criteria above.

 **Submit a "Universal Benefits Application" form by September 2, 2025. Ask your school for information about where to get the form and how to submit it.**

**Your child may be eligible if your family's annual gross income (income before taxes) is LESS THAN:**

<u>If applying before July 1, 2025</u>	<u>If applying on or after July 1, 2025</u>	<u>Family Size</u>
\$37,814	\$39,128	 (2)
\$47,767	\$49,303	 (3)
\$57,720	\$59,478	 (4)
\$67,673	\$69,653	 (5)
\$77,626	\$79,828	 (6)

## HOW DO SUN BUCKS WORK?

- You will get one new SUN Bucks card for each eligible child mailed to your home or designated mailing address.
- Cards for automatically enrolled children will be mailed between June and August. Cards for eligible children who applied for SUN Bucks will start mailing in September.
- You can PIN your card by contacting the helpline or using the ebtEDGE app.
- The SUN Bucks card will work like a debit card. You can use SUN Bucks to buy food (except prepared/hot foods) at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other stores that accept CalFresh benefits.
- SUN Bucks must be used within 122 days of the date when benefits were loaded.
- For assistance, call the statewide SUN Bucks helpline at (877) 328-9677, visit the CDSS website: [cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks](https://cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks), or visit the California Association of Food Banks website: [cafoodbanks.org/sun-bucks](https://cafoodbanks.org/sun-bucks).

