



# Summer Food For Kids

SUN Bucks is a food program that gives families \$120 per eligible child to buy groceries. 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; it is not a public charge.**

## Can my child get Sun Bucks?

Your child will automatically get SUN Bucks if they:

- Got CalFresh or CalWORKS at any point during the 2025-26 school year.
- Got Medi-Cal at any point during the 2025-26 school year & your family meets the income guidelines below.
- Are experiencing homelessness, living in foster care, or is in a migrant family.
- **Applied** for your child to receive federal free or reduced-price meals & were **approved** for the 2025-26 school year.



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

## Some Families Need to Apply for SUN Bucks

Your child will need to apply for SUN Bucks if they:

- Attend 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
  - doesn't meet the criteria above

**Submit a “Universal Benefits Application” form by August 31, 2026. Ask your school for information about where to get the form and how to submit it.**

## 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. Automatically enrolled children will receive cards between June-August.
- Eligible children who applied for SUN Bucks will start to receive cards as early as mid-August.
- You can PIN your card by contacting (877) 328-9677 or using the ebtEDGE app.
- SUN Bucks cards work like debit cards. 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.
- **Need Help?**
  - Call the statewide SUN Bucks helpline at (877) 328-9677
  - Visit: [cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks](https://cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks)
  - or ask your child's school for more information

**Your child may be eligible if your family's gross income (For 2025-26 school year):**

**\$40,034** for a family of 2

**\$50,542** for a family of 3

**\$61,050** for a family of 4

**\$71,558** for a family of 5