SUN BUCKS

Coming Summer 2024



United Way of King County

Summer shouldn't be the hungriest time of year - but when school lets out, kids across the state lose access to the school meals that keep them fed.

SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT, is a new federal program that provides families with **$120 per eligible child** to purchase groceries when school is out of session. These benefits will reduce summer food insecurity for 550,000 children in Washington state.

Who is eligible?

Many students are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks. This includes:

- Children (of any age) who are certified for free & reduced price school meals, **or** who have completed their school's Family Income Survey and are below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line
- Children (age 8-18) who are enrolled in certain public assistance programs, such as SNAP and TANF
- Children (age 8-18) with homeless, foster, migrant, or runaway status

All other families with annual household incomes below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line will need to submit an application to receive SUN Bucks.

The application will open in early summer 2024.

How can schools help?

Encourage families to turn in a Family Income Survey or a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application. Families with qualifying incomes will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks.

Ensure you have the correct mailing addresses for families receiving free school meals. This will help benefit cards get mailed to the correct homes.

Spread the word! Help us share information about SUN Bucks with your families. Download outreach materials and templates at HungerFreeWA.org.



For more info & outreach materials, visit:

HungerFreeWA.org/Partners/SUNBucks