



General Information for SUN Bucks 2026

What Is the SUN Bucks Program?

SUN Bucks provides families with \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries during the summer when school is out. SUN Bucks cards are accepted at locations where CalFresh EBT cards are accepted. **Getting SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.**

Automatic Enrollment for SUN Bucks 2026

Children between the ages of 6-18 who get CalFresh, CalWORKs, and/or Medi-Cal with a family income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will automatically get SUN Bucks. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on public benefit participation or their status as migrant, homeless, or foster youth will also get SUN Bucks automatically.

How To Get SUN Bucks?

If your child is not automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks, you must submit an application to your child's school or district **by August 31, 2026** to see if you qualify.

Students who don't get public assistance and who are not identified by their school as migrant, homeless, or foster youth **must** apply to have their SUN Bucks eligibility determined. Getting free school meals **does not** guarantee SUN Bucks enrollment.

Kids who get Medi-Cal will only automatically get SUN Bucks if their family's income is at or below 185% of the FPL. For example, children who get Medi-Cal and Supplemental Security Income (SSI/SSP), Adoption Assistance (AAP), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (KIN GAP) Cash Assistance or Foster Care (FC) will need to apply because these families' Medi-Cal is not certified at or below 185% of the FPL. If you aren't sure, apply.

Friendly Reminders:

- **Have you moved recently?** Update your contact information with your child's school or school administrator's office, your local county social services office, or at BenefitsCal.com.
- **Report any SUN Bucks card issues to the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.** A family cannot get more than one SUN Bucks card per child, or get SUN Bucks from more than one state.
- **SUN Bucks expire 122 days after being loaded on the card.** Families are encouraged to spend their SUN Bucks before CalFresh benefits. Check your balance details at www.ebtedge.com.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks or scan the QR code.



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