



Some Families Getting Medi-Cal May Need To Apply For SUN Bucks

You might have heard that kids who get Medi-Cal automatically get SUN Bucks. This is only true for families with income that is certified at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Some eligible families may need to apply for SUN Bucks if their child gets Medi-Cal through:

- Eligible household income, but that income is not confirmed at or below 185% of the FPL,
- Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) or Foster Care (FC),
- Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Cash Assistance, or
- Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP).

How do I know if I need to apply for my child to get SUN Bucks?

If the child:

- Gets Medi-Cal that is not certified at or below 185% of the FPL, and
- Is not getting CalFresh or CalWORKs, and
- Is not certified by their school as migrant, foster, homeless, or runaway...

Then the family must apply with their child's school by August 31, 2026.

To apply for SUN Bucks:

1. Ask your child's school for a Universal Benefits Application (UBA) or a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal application.
2. Once you complete the appropriate form, return it to your child's school by August 31, 2026.

Do not send your application directly to the California Department of Social Services or California Department of Education. Turn in the appropriate application to your child's school. The school will review the application and compare your income to the SUN Bucks income limits to see if your child qualifies for SUN Bucks. If you are unable to return the application to the school site in person, ask the school about how to submit it. If you have already turned in a UBA or NSLP meal application during the school year, you do not need to apply again for SUN Bucks.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Participation in SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status. For more information from our federal partners on the SUN Bucks program, visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sunbucks.
- 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.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks.
- Check out the [CDSS YouTube SUN Bucks Playlist](#).
- Scan the CDSS SUN Bucks QR code.



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Apply for SUN Bucks A Summer Nutrition Program for Children

You can get extra money for food this summer – Apply for SUN Bucks!



Do you know that your family can get extra money to buy food during summer months? Your child can participate in SUN Bucks program via automatic enrollment or through application!

Each eligible child gets one SUN Bucks card with \$120. Kids who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other food assistance programs such as CalFresh and summer meal programs. SUN Bucks does not affect your immigration status.

Apply by submitting a Universal Benefits Application (UBA) at your child's school by August 31, 2026!

Some children may automatically receive SUN Bucks. If your child is not automatically enrolled, you must apply to get benefits, even if your child gets free school meals. If you are unsure, applying can help ensure your child doesn't miss out.

More Information about SUN Bucks

SUN Bucks is California's summer nutrition program that helps families with school-aged children buy food during summer months when kids might not have access to school meals.

You can use SUN Bucks for food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. You cannot use SUN Bucks for hot foods, pet foods, cleaning or household supplies, personal hygiene items, or medicine.



Your child will be AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED if they meet any of the following conditions:

- ☐ They get CalFresh, or CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal with family income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or
- ☐ They are identified by the school as a foster, homeless, migrant or runaway child.

If not automatically enrolled, you must apply to receive SUN Bucks!

Important Things to Keep in Mind

- **The deadline to submit a Universal Benefits Application to your child's school for Summer 2026 is August 31, 2026. Apply today!**
- SUN Bucks cards will start arriving in mail as early as June 2026. Keep your address updated with your child's school and/or your county social services office to get your card.
- You will only have 122 days to use your SUN Bucks. The time starts when funds are loaded onto the card, which happens a few days after California mails it to you. Any money left after 122 days will expire and cannot be put back on the card.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/SUN-Bucks.
- Check out the [CDSS' YouTube channel](#).
- Scan the quick response (QR) code.



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Solicite SUN Bucks

Un programa de alimentos de verano para niños

Puede obtener dinero extra para comida este verano: ¡Solicite SUN Bucks!



¿Sabía que su familia puede obtener dinero extra para comprar comida durante el verano? ¡Su hijo puede participar en el programa SUN Bucks mediante inscripción automática o una solicitud!

Cada niño elegible recibe una tarjeta SUN Bucks con \$120. Los niños que reciben SUN Bucks pueden participar en otros programas de asistencia alimentaria, como CalFresh y programas de comidas de verano. SUN Bucks no afecta su estatus migratorio.

¡Inscríbase presentando la Solicitud de Beneficios Universales (UBA) en la escuela de su hijo antes del **31 de agosto de 2026**!

Algunos niños pueden recibir automáticamente SUN Bucks. Si su hijo no está inscrito automáticamente, debe solicitarlos para recibirlos, incluso si recibe comidas escolares gratuitas. Si no está seguro, solicitarlos puede ayudarle a asegurar que su hijo no se quede sin ellos.

Más información sobre SUN Bucks

SUN Bucks es el programa de alimentos de verano de California que ayuda a las familias con niños en edad escolar a comprar alimentos durante los meses de verano, cuando los niños podrían no tener acceso a las comidas escolares. Puede usar SUN Bucks para comprar alimentos en supermercados, mercados agrícolas y otros comercios autorizados. No puede usar SUN Bucks para comprar comidas calientes, alimentos para mascotas, artículos de limpieza o para el hogar, artículos de higiene personal ni medicamentos.



Sus hijos serán INSCRITOS AUTOMÁTICAMENTE si cumplen alguna de las siguientes condiciones:

- ☐ Reciben CalFresh, CalWORKs o Medi-Cal con un ingreso familiar igual o inferior al 185% del nivel federal de pobreza (FPL) o
- ☐ La escuela los identifica como niños en crianza temporal, sin hogar, migrantes o fugitivos.

Si no están inscritos automáticamente, ¡debe solicitar SUN Bucks!

Cosas importantes a tener en cuenta

- **La fecha límite para enviar una solicitud de beneficios universales a la escuela de su hijo para el verano de 2026 es el 31 de agosto de 2026. ¡Solicítelos hoy!**
- Las tarjetas SUN Bucks comenzarán a llegar por correo a partir de junio de 2026. Mantenga su dirección actualizada con la escuela de su hijo y/o la oficina de servicios sociales de su condado para obtener su tarjeta.
- Solo tendrá 122 días para usar sus SUN Bucks. El plazo comienza a contar cuando se cargan los fondos en la tarjeta, unos días después de que California se la envíe por correo. El dinero restante vencerá después de 122 días y no podrá volver a depositarse en la tarjeta.

¿Quiere saber más?

- Visite www.cdss.ca.gov/SUN-Bucks.
- Visite el [canal de YouTube del CDSS](#).
- Escanee el código QR.



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PIN Your SUN Bucks Card Before Your Benefits Expire!

SUN Bucks helps families buy groceries for eligible children when school is out. Each SUN Bucks card is loaded with \$120 and may arrive at different times throughout the summer for each child. **SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.**

HERE'S WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET YOUR SUN BUCKS CARD IN THE MAIL

How to use your SUN Bucks card:

Select a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for your card by logging in to the free ebtEDGE mobile application, logging on to the www.ebt.ca.gov site, or by calling the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.

Be sure to spend your SUN Bucks within 122 days of funds being loaded on to your card. Any benefits that you have not used after 122 days will expire.

If you do not want to use your SUN Bucks card:

Call the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677 to speak with the call center about opting out of the SUN Bucks program.

After opting out, you can destroy all unwanted SUN Bucks cards.

What you can buy with SUN Bucks:

- fruits and vegetables
- dairy products
- seeds and plants, which produce food for the household to eat
- meat, poultry, and fish
- breads and cereals
- other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages

What you cannot buy with SUN Bucks:

SUN Bucks **cannot** be used for hot foods, pet foods, cleaning or household supplies, personal hygiene items, or medicine.

Children who get SUN Bucks **can** still participate in other summer meal programs in their communities. To find a site closest to you, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-877-8-HAMBRE), text "food" or "SFSP" to 1-914-342-7744, or visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder.

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¡Configure el PIN de su tarjeta SUN Bucks antes de que venzan sus beneficios!

SUN Bucks ayuda a familias a comprar alimentos para niños elegibles durante el receso escolar. Cada tarjeta de SUN Bucks es cargada con \$120 y puede llegar en diferentes momentos del verano para cada niño. **SUN Bucks no afecta el estatus migratorio de su familia.**

ESTO ES LO QUE DEBE HACER CUANDO RECIBA SU TARJETA DE SUN BUCKS POR CORREO

Cómo utilizar su tarjeta de SUN Bucks:

Seleccione un Número de Identificación Personal (PIN) para su tarjeta iniciando sesión en la aplicación móvil ebtEDGE, iniciando sesión en el sitio web www.ebt.ca.gov o llamando a la línea de ayuda de SUN Bucks al (877) 328-9677.

Use sus SUN Bucks dentro de los 122 días posteriores a que se carguen los fondos en su tarjeta. Los beneficios sin usar vencerán tras los 122 días.

Si no quiere utilizar su tarjeta SUN Bucks:

Llame a la línea de ayuda de SUN Bucks al (877) 328-9677 para hablar con el centro de llamadas sobre cómo optar por no participar en el programa SUN Bucks.

Después de darse de baja, puede destruir las tarjetas SUN Bucks que no desee.

Qué puede comprar con SUN Bucks:

- frutas y verduras
- productos lácteos
- semillas y plantas que producen alimentos para el consumo familiar
- Carne, carne de aves y pescado
- Panes y cereales
- Otros alimentos como bocadillos y bebidas no alcohólicas

Lo que no puede comprar con SUN Bucks:

SUN Bucks **no se puede** utilizar para comprar comidas calientes, alimentos para mascotas, artículos de limpieza/del hogar/de higiene personal o medicamentos.

Los niños recibiendo SUN Bucks **pueden** participar en otros programas de comidas de verano en sus comunidades. Para el sitio más cercano, llame al 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-877-8-HAMBRE), envíe "food" o "SFSP" en un mensaje de texto al 1-914-342-7744 o en www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder.

¿Quiere saber más?

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- Consulte la [lista de reproducción de SUN Bucks del CDSS en YouTube](#).



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