

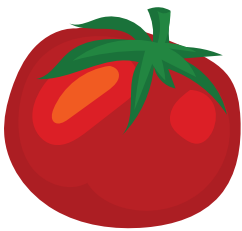
# Louisiana SUN Bucks

## Outreach Partners



## SUN Bucks summer EBT is coming to Louisiana!

This summer Louisiana will launch SUN Bucks, a new grocery benefits program that provides families \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is out. Summer is a time when many Louisiana children lose the free and reduced-price meals they get at school, and when households might need a little extra help putting meals on the table. Most families will get these benefits automatically, but some parents will need to apply. The new program is in addition to the newly expanded summer feeding options that kids of all ages can get at [summer meal sites](#) across the state.



### Benefits of SUN Bucks

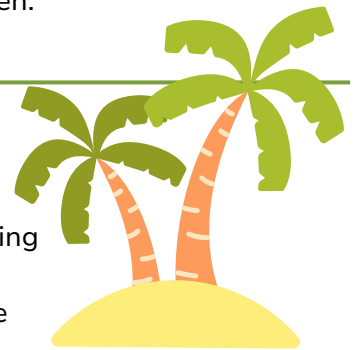
- Helps parents and caregivers buy healthy foods for their children.
- Gives families the flexibility to select foods that fit their culture and lifestyle.
- Improves food security and diet quality for participating children.



### Eligibility

Children are automatically eligible for the program if:

- the child received SNAP, FITAP, KCSP or Medicaid (income-based) benefits during the 2023-24 school year.
- the child applied and was individually approved to receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.



Children may be eligible for SUN Bucks, but will need to apply to determine eligibility if:

- the child is experiencing homelessness.
- the child is a migrant.
- the child receives free or reduced-price school meals but did not complete an application.

Even if a child doesn't fall into one of the categories above, they may still be eligible for SUN Bucks based on the family's income.

Under federal rules, SUN Bucks benefits must be used within 122 days of being loaded to an EBT card. Any unused benefits on the card after 122 days will expire. Expired benefits cannot be replaced or put back on the household's card.





## Enrollment

Many families will get SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some families may need to apply for the program.

- If the household is not automatically enrolled and may be eligible, they can get SUN Bucks by filling out a simple application when it becomes available later this summer. Visit [sunbucks.la.gov](https://sunbucks.la.gov) for updates and follow DCFS on Facebook, X/Twitter, and Instagram for the latest news!
- **SUN Bucks is not the same as P-EBT.** P-EBT has ended. Not every child who received P-EBT is eligible to receive SUN Bucks. SUN Bucks will not be issued to P-EBT cards.



## How SUN Bucks work



SUN Bucks work just like SNAP, with benefits loaded onto an EBT card. You can use SUN Bucks to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and other places that accept SNAP benefits, including some online retailers.

If the family receives SNAP, SUN Bucks benefits for each eligible child will be added to the household's existing SNAP EBT card. All other eligible children will receive a preloaded EBT card sent to their mailing address.

## Help families in your community

- Spread the word in your community! Let households know about the new SUN Bucks program.
- Encourage families receiving benefits through SNAP, FITAP, KCSP and Medicaid to make sure their mailing address is up-to-date.
- Tell families who are automatically enrolled that they will receive their benefits on their existing SNAP EBT card, if they receive SNAP, or they will receive a new EBT card in the mail.
- Inform households that immigrant and non-U.S. citizens are eligible for SUN Bucks. Participation does not impact immigration status.
- Encourage eligible families to apply when the application period begins later this summer.



To learn more about SUN Bucks, visit [sunbucks.la.gov](https://sunbucks.la.gov) or scan the QR code

