







SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

SUN Bucks provides \$120 in grocery benefits per eligible school-age child when school is out for summer. **Children who get SUN Bucks can also participate in Summer Meals programs.**

Your child may be eligible if your family's annual gross income* is **LESS THAN:**

Family Income	Family Size
\$37,814	
\$47,767	
\$57,720	
\$67,673	

**For 2024-25 School Year*

Can my child get SUN Bucks?

Your child will automatically get SUN Bucks if they participated in any of these programs between July 1, 2024- August 5, 2025:

- Children ages 6-16 years old and your family participated in SNAP or TANF.
- Children ages 6-16 years old and your family participated in AHCCCS with a household income of 185% of the FPL or below.
- Children ages 6-16 years old who are unhoused, foster, runaway, or migrant students.
- Children who attend a NSLP participating Head Start.
- Children who attended a school that participated in the NSLP in School Year 2024-2025 and who were certified for free or reduced-price meals

SUN Bucks will be mailed to the address on file with your school. Please make sure it is up to date!

IMPORTANT: Do not discard the letter that comes with your card. It contains your case number, which will be needed to set up your card's PIN!

Your child may be eligible, **consider applying for SUN Bucks if:**

- Children that attend a school that operates the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs **AND** submitted a completed alternate income form with their child's school.
- Children that attend a school **that serves free meals to all enrolled students AND** they would qualify for free or reduced price school meals.

If you think your child is eligible based on your household income, visit the Arizona Department of Education application screener or call 833-648-4406 to find out if you should submit an application.

The SUN Bucks application will close on August 5, 2025.

How does SUN Bucks work?

- Families that participate in SNAP or TANF will receive funds directly to their existing household's Arizona EBT card.
- If you have an Arizona EBT card from Summer 2024, benefits will be loaded directly onto the EBT card. For questions, please contact the EBT card SUN Bucks hotline at 1 (833) 648-4406.
- If you do not have an Arizona EBT card, one will be mailed to you with your SUN Bucks benefits pre-loaded onto the card. The card works like a debit card.
- If you have more than one eligible child, you will only get one card per household. For example, if you have 2 eligible kids, you will get one card with \$240 total.
- SUN Bucks must be used within 122 days of the date when benefits are loaded onto the card. **Unused benefits will be removed on day 123.**



SUN Bucks

**A Tested and Effective Strategy
for Ending Summer Hunger**

SUN Bucks is a program for States, Indian Tribal Organizations, and territories to provide food dollars to low-income families with school-age kids over the summer months. This program, also known as Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (or Summer EBT), can help close the summer hunger gap when kids are on summer break and not getting nutritious school meals.

States, Indian Tribal Organizations, and territories offering SUN Bucks can provide about \$120 per eligible school-age child to families to buy groceries, similar to how USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are used. SUN Bucks works hand-in-hand with other USDA nutrition programs to connect every eligible child with nutritious food in the summer.

SUN Bucks is a proven game-changer in the fight against child hunger.

SUN Bucks is an evidence-based program! Research shows that providing families with summer grocery benefits reduces child hunger and supports healthier diets.

USDA tested SUN Bucks as a demonstration project in select States and Indian Tribal Organizations for several years. [Rigorous evaluations](#) showed that SUN Bucks:

Decreased the number of kids with very low food security by one-third!

↑ **Whole grain
& dairy
consumption**



↓ **Sugar-sweetened
beverage
consumption**



↑ **Fruit & vegetable
consumption**



↓ **Child food
insecurity**



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When kids are food insecure, they may skip meals or eat less because there isn't enough food to go around.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, States, Indian Tribal Organizations, and territories operated a temporary program similar to SUN Bucks, which demonstrated the potential of expanding the program nationwide. [Research found](#) that this program:

33%

Decreased children's food hardship by 33% after benefits were issued.



2.7-3.9 million

Lifted at least 2.7 to 3.9 million children out of hunger.



Let's join forces to make SUN Bucks a success!

Together we can ensure that every child has the nourishment they need during the summer months.

[Learn more >](#)





Food and Nutrition Services
PLC Charter Schools
Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain
2504 S. 91st Ave.
Tolleson, AZ 85353



Do I need to apply for SUNBucks?

Did my child take part in any of these programs at any time from July 1, 2024, to August 5, 2025?

- SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Medicaid** with a household income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (before deductions) *Income level clarified below.*

Student is a **foster** child, or in the **Homeless** Education Program

YES



Child is likely eligible

No further action is needed.

No application necessary.

Because your child is enrolled in a qualifying public assistance program, they are automatically eligible for SUNBucks.

To receive benefits, please ensure your mailing address is correct with all public assistance programs.

Please note: The Arizona Department of Education makes all final eligibility decisions for SUNBucks.

NO



Do you meet the following income criteria?

Your household is typically everyone who lives under the same roof and that you share groceries with.

Household size: Yearly Income Limit:

2 people \$37,814

3 people \$47,767

4 people \$57,720

5 people \$67,673

6 people \$77,626

7 people \$87,579

8 people \$97,532

YES



Child is LIKELY eligible but needs to submit an application

Please submit a 2025 SUN Bucks

Household application by August 5, 2025 to check if you qualify. If approved, a card will be mailed to the address provided in the application. Apply at azed.gov/sunbucks

NO



Child is likely NOT eligible

Please note: this result is an estimate based on the information you provided for this child. The Arizona Department of Education makes all final eligibility decisions for SUN Bucks.

For Summer Food Assistance visit azhealthzone.org/freesummermeals

Scan this QR code to apply

