

What is Virginia SUN Bucks?

Virginia SUN Bucks helps eligible families with the cost of groceries during summer break when most schools are not in session. The SUN Bucks benefit can be used to purchase groceries like fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and meat at grocery stores, farmers markets and other places that accept SNAP EBT benefits.

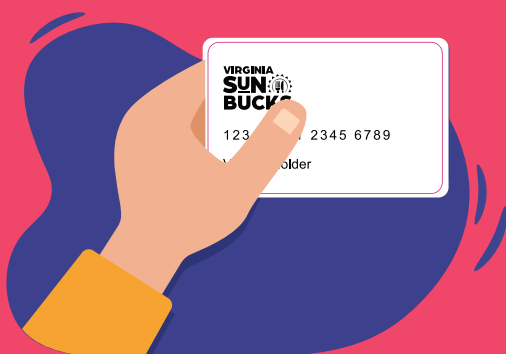


Each school-aged child that meets the program requirements will get a

**one-time payment
of \$120**

Benefits

Benefits will be loaded onto existing SNAP recipients' EBT cards while others will receive a new Virginia SUN Bucks card in the mail.



Good News!

The good news is many families automatically qualify for Virginia SUN Bucks and will not need to take any steps to receive this new benefit!

Who is automatically eligible for Virginia SUN Bucks and does not need to apply?

Your child is automatically enrolled in Virginia SUN Bucks if they:

- ✓ Receive **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** or **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** benefits or participate in income-based Medicaid.
- ✓ Applied for and received free or reduced-price meals at school during the **2025–2026 school year** through the National School Lunch Program.

How do I know if my family needs to apply for Virginia SUN Bucks?

You must apply for Virginia SUN Bucks if your child did not apply for and receive free or reduced-price school meals and your family does not participate in SNAP, TANF or income-based Medicaid. **Some schools provide free meals to kids without an application.** If your child attends one of these schools and they do not participate in SNAP, TANF or income-based Medicaid, you should apply!



Important dates

Open year-round

Online and mail-in applications are live on VirginiaSunBucks.com

June 15 – August 31

Virginia SUN Bucks Call Center is available for phone applications

August 31

Last day to apply online, by mail or by calling the call center