

SUN Bucks



Your Guide to Summer Food Assistance

SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT, is a program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families will get a **one-time benefit of \$120 per year for each eligible child** to help buy groceries. Children who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other summer meal programs. Receiving SUN Bucks will not affect children or families' immigration status. Continue reading for answers to frequently asked questions about SUN Bucks.

Is my child eligible for SUN Bucks?

Your child is eligible for SUN Bucks if:

- Your child is aged 7 to 17 and your household already participates in Food Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- OR**
- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, and your household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals.

Visit SUNBucks.dcf.ks.gov for a full list of eligibility requirements.

How do I enroll my child in SUN Bucks?

Many families will automatically get benefits without needing to apply. Households with an eligible child who can be identified by DCF will receive a letter from DCF in January 2025 notifying them that their child is eligible for SUN Bucks. These households will not need to apply. Benefits will be issued beginning in April 2025.

If your household did not receive a letter from DCF in January 2025 and you believe your child may be eligible, you can submit an application for SUN Bucks through the self-service portal at dcfapp.kees.ks.gov **beginning Monday, Jan. 27, 2025.**

Children in the custody of the DCF Secretary and enrolled in a Kansas school are eligible for SUN Bucks. Relatives, non-related kin and foster homes will need to submit a SUN Bucks application for children in their care **after April 1, 2025**, so the benefit can be issued to the correct address.

Applications for 2025 SUN Bucks must be submitted **no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 29, 2025.**

Visit SUNBucks.dcf.ks.gov for more information about SUN Bucks eligibility.

How will I receive my child's SUN Bucks benefits?

In Kansas, SUN Bucks benefits will be added to an existing household Kansas Benefits Card (also known as an EBT card) or loaded onto a Kansas Benefits Card and mailed to your home. SUN Bucks benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets and other places that accept SNAP EBT benefits.

If you have questions about your benefits or their issuance, please visit SUNBucks.dcf.ks.gov or call DCF Customer Service at 1.888.369.4777.



When can I expect to receive SUN Bucks benefits for my child?

If your child is eligible to receive SUN Bucks automatically, your household will receive a letter from DCF in January 2025. SUN Bucks benefits will be added to the Kansas Benefits Card at the end of April 2025.

If you apply for SUN Bucks benefits before April 1, 2025, and your child is determined eligible, benefits will be added to the existing household Kansas Benefits Card or loaded onto a Kansas Benefits Card and mailed to your home at the end of April 2025.

If you apply after April 1, 2025, benefits will be added to the existing household Kansas Benefits Card or loaded onto a Kansas Benefits Card and mailed to your home once your child has been determined eligible for SUN Bucks.

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Who do I contact if I have questions about Kansas SUN Bucks?

Additional information about Kansas SUN Bucks can be found at: SUNBucks.dcf.ks.gov.

If you have questions, you may also contact DCF Customer Service at 1.888.369.4777.



Find out more about SUN Bucks in Kansas:
SUNBucks.dcf.ks.gov.

