



WHAT IS SUN BUCKS?

This is a new, permanent federal child nutrition program aimed at keeping kids fed during the summer months. Eligible children will receive an EBT card that can be used to purchase groceries.

The benefit amount for summer of 2024 is \$40 per summer month per child (\$120 total). Nearly 1 million PA children will qualify for this benefit.

Payments will be made by September 30, 2024. Qualifying families who already receive SNAP benefits will see the benefit added to their SNAP card.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any child ages 6-18 who received SNAP, TANF, or Medical Assistance with qualifying income during the school year or during the summer of 2024, **including home schooled and cyber school students.**
- Any child who attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program **and** either
 - applies for and is approved for Free and Reduced Price School Meals during the school year;
 - receives SNAP, TANF, or Medical Assistance with qualifying income at any time during the school year or summer;
 - is directly certified for free school meals as a foster child, migrant, or someone experiencing homelessness; **OR**
 - applies for SUN Bucks and meets income eligibility. No application is necessary for children who are included in any of the other categories above.

NOTE: Unlike the pandemic program (P-EBT), not all children who attend CEP schools (schools that provide free lunches to all students, including Philadelphia schools) will be eligible for SUN Bucks. You may need to apply for this benefit if you did not apply for free school meals, your child is not directly certified for free school meals, or does not receive SNAP, TANF, or Medical Assistance with qualifying income.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO NOW?



If you do not receive SNAP benefits, a new EBT card will be mailed to you. Please make sure that your school has your current mailing address. If you receive SNAP, TANF or Medical Assistance with a qualifying income, make sure that the Department of Human Services has your current address.



The application for SUN Bucks will likely not be available until later this summer. **If you want to make sure that your child is signed up, consider applying for a benefit that automatically enrolls your child into SUN Bucks such as SNAP or Free/Reduced-Price School Meals.**

Household Size	Monthly Gross Income Limit	
	Free/Reduced-Price School Meals	SNAP
1	\$2,248	\$2,430
2	\$3,041	\$3,288
3	\$3,833	\$4,144
4	\$4,625	\$5,000
5	\$5,418	\$5,858

APPLY FOR BENEFITS AT WWW.COMPASS.STATE.PA.US

Need help applying for SNAP?

Call the Coalition Against Hunger's SNAP Hotline for a quick screening and to complete your application over the phone: **215-430-0556**

- For help with other benefits, call BenePhilly at (833) 373-5868



To learn more, visit hungercoalition.org/snap-hotline

