

Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) “SUN BUCKS”

What is Summer EBT?

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (Summer EBT or SUN Bucks) is new in summer 2024. Summer EBT/SUN Bucks provides grocery benefits to low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer. Summer EBT benefits will either be loaded to a household's Ohio Direction Card, or a benefit card will be sent in the mail to each eligible child.

Families can use the money to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. Families will receive a one-time benefit of \$120 for each eligible child and participation will not affect children or families' immigration status.

How do I know if my child is eligible to receive Summer EBT/Sun Bucks and how do I apply?

Many families will get Summer EBT/SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some families may need to apply for the program. If your household already participates in SNAP, OWF, is income eligible and receiving Medicaid benefits, or is directly certified, your child will automatically be enrolled to receive summer benefits. You do not need to fill out an application or take any further action.

If you are not automatically enrolled, but you believe that your child might be eligible, you should visit sebt.ohio.gov to apply. When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, address, and some additional details. You will also be asked to report your household's income. You will not need to provide any other documents or information including social security number, proof of citizenship, or pay stubs to apply.

If you are uncertain if your child(ren) are automatically eligible and enrolled in SUN Bucks, you can call the front office in which your child(ren) is/are enrolled.

How will households receive the Summer-EBT benefit?

Children who qualify for the Summer EBT program will receive benefits in one of two ways:

- Households that currently receive SNAP benefits will see benefits for each eligible child issued on their Ohio Direction Card.
- Households that do not currently receive SNAP benefits will receive a new Summer EBT card in the mail for each approved child. The card will be in a plain white envelope and addressed to the child. Households should keep Summer EBT cards to potentially receive future summer benefits.

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When will benefits be available?

Households with children already participating in SNAP, OWF, Medicaid with household income within the free or reduced-price school meal guidelines, or certified for free or reduced-price school meals during the school year will receive their benefit by July 31. Check back regularly for updates.

Note: benefits will be issued over many days so children in the same household may receive their benefit on a different day from one another.

Households that become eligible for SNAP, OWF, or Medicaid during the summer, or apply for Summer EBT using the Summer EBT application will receive benefits within two months after being approved.

Will the Summer EBT benefits be on a new card or loaded to the P-EBT card?

Households with active SNAP accounts should have benefits loaded to their Ohio Direction Card. All other households will receive a new Summer EBT card in the mail for each eligible child. The card will arrive in a plain white envelope and be addressed to the child. Any past summer P-EBT cards can be thrown away.

How long will Summer EBT funds be available for use?

Summer EBT funds will expire after 122 days after the benefit is issued. If the benefit is loaded on the Ohio Direction Card, the Summer EBT benefit will be used first the next time you visit a store.

Help & Support

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General Summer EBT Support Questions:

Phone: 1-866-244-0071 Option 1

Email: support@ohio-k12.help

Questions About Summer EBT Card:

Phone: 1-866-386-3071

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