



## Learn How SUN Bucks/Summer EBT Can Help Your Family!

### What are SUN Bucks?

**SUN Bucks/Summer EBT** is the new name for Summer EBT and is a grocery benefits program to help families buy food during the summer when schools are closed. Families get **\$120** for each eligible school-age child for qualifying groceries. Children who get these benefits can still participate in other summer meal programs.

### How does SUN Bucks/Summer EBT work?

In Michigan, SUN Bucks/Summer EBT benefits are loaded onto an EBT card and mailed to your home or added to an existing household SNAP/WIC EBT card, etc.. SUN Bucks/Summer EBT 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 WIC or SNAP EBT benefits. SUN Bucks/Summer EBT is a convenient way to help children get the nutrition they need when schools are closed.

# Is my child eligible for SUN Bucks/Summer EBT?

Your child is eligible for SUN Bucks/Summer EBT if:

• Your household already participates in SNAP, FDPIR, TANF, etc.

#### 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.

# Some schools/districts qualify for a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), and all students receive free meals regardless of income. Are these student eligible?

• Students attending CEP schools/districts are not automatically eligible for Summer EBT. These students that are not receiving state assistance or categorically eligible must complete the MI Bridges Application if not directly certified.





# Do you have a new address?

Make sure your address is up to date so your **SUN Bucks/Summer EBT** benefits are sent to the right place!

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### How do I enroll my child in SUN Bucks/Summer EBT?

Many families get SUN Bucks/Summer EBT automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some families may need to apply.

### Do I need to fill out an application?

If your household already participates in SNAP, FDPIR, TANF, etc., your child will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks/Summer EBT. You do not need to fill out an application. You will get a card in the mail, or the money will be added to your SNAP/WIC EBT card. Watch for the card in the mail or added benefits on your card.

If you are not automatically enrolled and believe your children are eligible, you can apply for **SUN Bucks/Summer EBT.** 

#### How do I apply for SUN Bucks/Summer EBT?

- Families must complete the MI Bridges Application if not directly certified. Education Benefit forms are no longer qualifying SUN Bucks forms.
- When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, address, etc. You will also be asked to report your household income. You will not need to provide any other documents or information.
- Application Deadline: Apply by April 15, 2025 to be eligible for the first issuance of benefits in May.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until August 31, 2025.
- Eligible households will receive a letter explaining; summer EBT eligibility, how to activate/use card,, when benefits will expire, how to opt out, and what benefits can and cannot be used.
- Summer EBT cards will be issued in the name of each eligible student.

To apply or to find out what's available for your family: Scan QR code with phone camera to apply online. Online Application: <u>SOMPortal – MI Bridges</u>

#### HAVE QUESTIONS? Where to find information and get help:

Website: Michigan Summer EBT https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/food/summer-ebt

Hotline: 833-905-0028, option 2

Email: MDHHS-SEBT@michigan.gov









