

# What is Virginia SUN Bucks?

Virginia is working with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to pilot a new program called Virginia SUN Bucks. Through Virginia SUN Bucks, some families will receive extra money to help with the costs of groceries.



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 an income-based Medical Assistance Program.
- ✓ Applied for and received free or reduced-price meals at school during the **2023–2024 school year**.

### 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 or your family does not participate in SNAP, TANF or an income-based Medical Assistance Program. **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 an income-based Medical Assistance Program, you should apply!



## Important dates

**July 1st**

**Mail-in applications go live on [VirginiaSunBucks.com](https://www.VirginiaSunBucks.com)**

**July 22nd**

**Virginia SUN Bucks Call Center is available for phone applications**

**August 30th**

**Last day to receive applications**