



North Carolina's Newest Food Assistance Program Will Begin in Summer 2024!

SUN Bucks will provide grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months. Benefits can be used to buy healthy food at places like grocery stores, farmers markets, and some online retailers.

- ▶ **How much will families receive?** Qualifying families will receive a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child for the summer.
- ▶ **When and how will benefits be issued?** SUN Bucks issuances will occur every two weeks from late June through September as new children are determined eligible.
Households with an **active** FNS case will get SUN Bucks on their existing EBT card. All other households, including households with different kinds of benefits, such as Medicaid and TANF, will be mailed a *new* SUN Bucks card.
Cards for children on Medicaid and TANF cases will be sent to the address associated with that case. Cards for most other children will be sent to the mailing address on file with the child's school. If a child is currently in foster care, their card will be sent to the DSS office handling their case.
- ▶ **Resource Information:** Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information about SUN Bucks and other food resources.

▶ **Who is eligible for SUN Bucks?** Some benefit programs will **automatically qualify** students for Sun Bucks, while other students **will need to apply** for SUN Bucks. The 2024 SUN Bucks application will be available beginning in May 2024. Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information.

First, which type of school does the student attend?	Then, which scenario applies to the student?	Does the student automatically qualify?	Can the student apply?
1 Student attends a NSLP* school	SCENARIO A: Students also participates in at least one of the following programs: 1. NSLP free or reduced-price (FRP) school meals 2. Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, food stamps) 3. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF, Work First, cash assistance) 4. Medicaid with household income below 185% of the federal poverty level 5. Foster care	✓	✗
	SCENARIO B: Student does not participate in any of the programs listed in Scenario A.	✗	✓
2 Student does not attend a NSLP* school	SCENARIO C: Student is age 7 to 16 and also participates in at least one of the programs listed in Scenario A.	✓	✗
	SCENARIO D: Student does not participate in any of the programs listed in Scenario A.	✗	✗
3 Student attends a CEP** school	SCENARIO E: Student also participates in at least one of the programs listed in Scenario A.	✓	✗
	SCENARIO F: Student does not participate in any of the programs listed in Scenario A.	✗	✓

***National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** is a program in most public schools and some charter and private nonprofit schools. Students who meet certain criteria can get free meals or meals at a lower price through their school.

****Community Eligibility Provision School (CEP)** is a type of NSLP school where all students get free school meals.



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