

# Feed Their Summer Smiles With SUN Programs!



Make this summer one to remember with **SUN Programs: USDA's Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids**. We've got meals and new benefits to keep your kids fueled up for summer.

## SUN MEALS

Children 18 and under can enjoy meals together at eligible meal sites. SUN Meals are free and help your kids get the nutrition they need all summer long.

## SUN MEALS TO-GO

In some rural areas, SUN Meals can be picked up or delivered right to your home!

## SUN BUCKS

With SUN Bucks, get \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy more of your family's favorite food, from fresh fruits and vegetables to pantry staples, supporting delicious and healthy meals at home.



[fns.usda.gov/summer](https://fns.usda.gov/summer)  
[twitter.com/USDANutrition](https://twitter.com/USDANutrition)

Scan to find out about meal options and grocery benefits in your area.





## What is Summer EBT?

Summer EBT, or SUN Bucks, is a nutrition program authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Summer EBT for 2025 will provide a \$120 annual benefit to eligible children via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) issuance by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Complete Summer EBT information for Illinoisians can be found on the [IDHS Summer EBT webpage](#).

## Is my child eligible?

Your child is eligible for Summer EBT without an application if they meet one of the following requirements:

- The child's date of birth is between July 2, 2006, and August 13, 2019, AND they received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); foster care; or Medicaid (income under 185% Federal Poverty Level) any time between July 1, 2024, and August 13, 2025; or
- The child attended a school that participated in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) during the 2024-25 school year and was deemed income-eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch through direct certification or a school meals application at the school.

A child that does not meet one of the requirements above can apply for Summer EBT if they attend an NSLP school during the 2024-25 school year and believe they meet the income threshold. See below for more information on submitting a Summer EBT Application.

**Note:** Beginning in Summer 2025, if your child attends a school operating the NSLP under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), alternative applications (such as fee waiver applications) processed at the school cannot be used for Summer EBT issuance. Therefore, all households are encouraged to check the IDHS Summer EBT screener to determine if a Summer EBT application may be needed.

Households should be encouraged to visit the [IDHS Summer EBT webpage](#) where they can access Summer EBT 2025 program information, as well as the Summer EBT Screener to check eligibility. If not determined automatically eligible and believe that you meet the requirements, complete and submit a Summer EBT application.

## How do I enroll my child in Summer EBT?

If you meet the qualifications above, your child will be automatically enrolled in Summer EBT. You do not need to fill out a Summer EBT application. Your benefits will be issued on your existing SNAP benefits account, or a separate card will be issued to the address provided by your child's school. **(Households are encouraged to visit the [IDHS Summer EBT webpage](#) to ensure accurate mailing address.)**

If you are not automatically enrolled and believe your children are eligible, you can apply to receive Summer EBT by filling out an application. A Summer EBT application is now available. The Summer EBT 2025 application will be available through 8/13/2025. Households that would like their child/children to receive Summer EBT benefits can also apply for SNAP, TANF, and/or Medicaid prior to the end of the summer operational period 08/13/2025, and they will be automatically enrolled in Summer EBT for Summer 2025 if they have a date of birth in the range listed above and are determined eligible.

## Who should I contact if I have questions?

Households should visit the [IDHS Summer EBT webpage](#) for up to date Summer EBT information. If you do not find the needed information online, then the Summer EBT team at IDHS is available by calling 833-621-0737 or complete the [Summer EBT General Inquiry Request form](#).

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1. **Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **Fax:** 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or
3. **Email:** [Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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