

Virginia SUN Bucks



A federal program created to fight food insecurity by providing eligible children with a one-time **\$120 food benefit** on a Virginia SUN Bucks card to purchase groceries.

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 SNAP (food stamps) or TANF benefits or participate in an income-based Medical Assistance program.
- ✓ Applied for and received free or reduced-price school meals at school during the 2024–2025 school year through the **National School Lunch Program**.

How do I know if my family needs to apply for Virginia SUN Bucks?

If your child did not apply for and receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program or your family does not participate in SNAP, TANF or an income-based Medical Assistance program, you must apply.

When and how will VDSS issue Virginia SUN Bucks benefits?

Benefits will be issued **beginning July 2025 on a rolling basis** to children who automatically qualify and to families who are eligible by application. SNAP recipients' benefits will be loaded onto their existing SNAP EBT card, while non-SNAP recipients' will receive a SUN Bucks card that will be mailed to the address on file.

How do I apply?

You can visit VirginiaSunBucks.com to print and mail the application to 5600 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 OR beginning July 1 through August 30, you can apply by calling the Virginia SUN Bucks Call Center.

You can find more information and details about Virginia SUN Bucks at VirginiaSunBucks.com.





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How will I receive Virginia SUN Bucks?

SNAP Recipients

If your household participates in SNAP, the Virginia SUN Bucks benefits will be loaded onto your existing SNAP EBT card.



OR

Non-SNAP Recipients

If your household does not participate in SNAP, your Virginia SUN Bucks benefits will be loaded onto a new SUN Bucks card that will be mailed to the address on file with your school.



What can I buy with Virginia SUN Bucks benefits?

You can use your benefits to purchase food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets and other places that accept SNAP EBT benefits.



What should I do when I get my SUN Bucks card in the mail?

Your new Virginia SUN Bucks card will come in the mail with instructions that show you step-by-step how to activate your card. You can dispose of any SUN Bucks cards from previous years.

When will VDSS issue Virginia SUN Bucks benefits?

Benefits will be issued beginning July 2025 on a rolling basis to children who automatically qualify and to families who are eligible by application. Families might get their Virginia SUN Bucks benefits at different times depending on when they apply.

