



## Does your family need to file an appeal?

The deadline to file an appeal is **October 29, 2024**, or within **90 days of the date on the Notice of Eligibility Determination Letter**. If your family was eligible to receive SUN Bucks, but you did not receive the benefits, **you have the right to a fair review.**

## Should your child have received SUN Bucks?

Your child should have automatically received SUN Bucks if:

- They were approved for free or reduced-price school meals or your family participated in any of these public assistance programs: AHCCCS (under 185% of FPL), SNAP, or TANF from June 30, 2023- July 1, 2024.
- Children ages 6-16 years old who are unhoused, foster, runaway, or migrant student should also have received SUN Bucks automatically.

Your child may have been eligible if:

- They attend a school that operates the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs, and
- They submitted a free or reduced-price meal application or alternate income form with their child's school.

## Did your application get denied?

- If you disagree with the outcome of your application, your family can file an appeal through **October 29, 2024**, or within **90 days of the date on the Notice of Eligibility Determination Letter**.

## How can you file an appeal?

- Your family can file an appeal by contacting the Arizona Department of Education.
  - Website: [www.azed.gov/hns/request-2024-sun-bucks-benefit-reviewappeal](http://www.azed.gov/hns/request-2024-sun-bucks-benefit-reviewappeal)
  - Address: Arizona Department of Education  
1535 W. Jefferson, Bin #7  
Attn: HNS SUN Bucks  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007



## Did your address change?

- If your home address recently changed and you did not receive your child's SUN Bucks card, please contact the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Nutrition Assistance Customer Service Team at 1-888-997-9333.

**SUN Bucks does NOT affect a family's immigration status.**

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Your child may be eligible if your family's annual gross income\* is **LESS THAN**:

Family Income	Family Size
\$36,482	
\$45,991	
\$55,500	
\$65,009	

*\*For 2023-24 School Year*

For more information, please visit:  
[www.azed.gov/hns/request-2024-sun-bucks-benefit-reviewappeal](http://www.azed.gov/hns/request-2024-sun-bucks-benefit-reviewappeal)





# FAQ's, Glossary & Links!



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## What is SUN Bucks?

SUN Bucks (or Summer EBT) is a \$120 grocery-buying benefit for low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer.

**Who is eligible?** Children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals from June 30, 2023 to July 1, 2024 are eligible for SUN Bucks. Students can qualify by:

- An approved school meal application.
- Participated in SNAP or TANF.
- Participated in AHCCCS and are certified at or under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Children ages 6-16 who are an unhoused, foster, runaway, or migrant students. .

**What if I received free school meals, but don't meet any of those categories?** You may be eligible for SUN Bucks if your child attends a CEP, Provision 2, and Provision 3 school ([view list here](#)).

**What is an NSLP/SBP School?** The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) are federally assisted meal programs, which traditional public schools and certain charter schools operate.

**Where can I use SUN Bucks?** SUN Bucks is accepted anywhere SNAP is accepted (excluding prepared food), including grocery stores, corner stores, farmers' markets, and online retailers. See more: <http://bit.ly/SNAPonlineAZ>.

**Will receiving SUN Bucks impact my immigration status?** NO! Receiving or using SUN Bucks does NOT impact your immigration status or your child's.

## How does SUN Bucks work?

- Families that participate in SNAP or TANF will receive funds directly to their existing household's Arizona EBT card.
- If you do not have an Arizona EBT card, one will be mailed to you with your SUN Bucks benefits pre-loaded onto the card. The card works like a debit card.
- If you have more than one eligible child, you will only get one card per household. For example, if you have 2 eligible kids, you will get one card with \$240 total.
- SUN Bucks must be used within 122 days of the date when benefits are loaded onto the card. **Unused benefits will be removed on day 123.**

**Streamline Certification Process:** Some students will receive SUN Bucks automatically, with zero action required by the family.

**EBT:** Electronic Benefits Transfer.

**CEP:** Community Eligibility Provision, a non-pricing meal service option for school districts.

**NSLP/SBP:** National School Lunch Program/ School Breakfast Program, federally assisted meal programs.

**AHCCCS:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, also known as medical assistance, income must be under 185% of the federal poverty line to be eligible for SUN Bucks.\*

**FDPIR:** Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, federal program that provides food to families in need living on reservations.

**SNAP:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, federal funds that help support families in need purchase groceries or food benefits for low-income families to supplement their grocery budget.

**TANF:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, cash assistance for families in need.

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