



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES



Virginia SUN Bucks is a new program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. You are receiving Virginia SUN Bucks because your household meets the eligibility requirements for program participation.

Virginia SUN Bucks is a convenient way for you to help your children thrive.

- Use Virginia SUN Bucks to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets and other places that accept SNAP EBT benefits.
- Each eligible child will receive \$120.
- Start using your Virginia SUN Bucks right away.
- You must use your available Virginia SUN Bucks within 120 days, after which benefits will not be available.
- Receiving Virginia SUN Bucks will have no impact on a household's immigration status.
- Children who receive Virginia SUN Bucks should still participate in other summer meal programs.
 - Text **FOOD** to 304-304 to find a location in your area.
- Participation in the Virginia SUN Bucks program is optional. Destroy the card if you do not want to use it.

To activate your Virginia SUN Bucks:

Call the number on the back of your card. You will need the 16-digit number on the front of the card.

- Follow the prompts and select the option for Summer EBT.
- When asked for the date of birth, please enter the birth date of the oldest child in the household.
- You will be asked to enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, enter 0000. **If at any time the full Social Security Number is needed, enter 000-00-0000.**

How to Protect Your Benefits

- **Create a strong PIN.** Number combinations such as 0000, 1111, 1128, 1234 or 9876 will not be accepted.
- **Keep your PIN and card number secret.** Do not share your PIN or card number with anyone outside your household. Cover the keypad when you enter your PIN on a machine.
- **Beware of phishing.** We will never call or text to ask for your PIN or card number.
- **Change your PIN often.** Change your PIN at least once a month, right before your benefit issuance date.
- **Check your EBT account regularly for unauthorized charges.** If you see any, change your PIN right away to stop the thief from making new purchases.
- **Report suspicious activity to your local DSS office** if you think you are the victim of a card scam like skimming, cloning, or phishing and your benefits were stolen.

Questions

- Visit VirginiaSUNBucks.com or scan the **QR code**.
- For a Virginia SUN Bucks card replacement, contact ConnectEBT at **866-281-2448**.
- Contact the Virginia SUN Bucks call center at **866-513-1414**.

Resources

- For **free** summer meals for kids, text **FOOD** to 304-304 to find a location in your area.
- Visit www.fns.usda.gov/sebt/household.



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