

# Introducing 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 or TANF benefits or participate in an income-eligible Medical Assistance (MA) program.
- ✓ Applied for and received free or reduced-price school meals at school during the 2023–2024 school year through the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#).

## 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 (NSLP) 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 August 2024 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. Non-SNAP recipients' will receive a SUN Bucks card that will be mailed to the address on file.

## How do I apply?

Beginning July 1st, you can visit [VirginiaSunBucks.com](https://VirginiaSunBucks.com) to print and mail the application to 5600 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 OR you can call the Virginia SUN Bucks contact center to apply over the phone at a later in July.

Visit [VirginiaSunBucks.com](https://VirginiaSunBucks.com) beginning July 1, 2024 for information and details about Virginia Sun Bucks.

