

March 2026

2026 SUMMER EBT ESSENTIALS

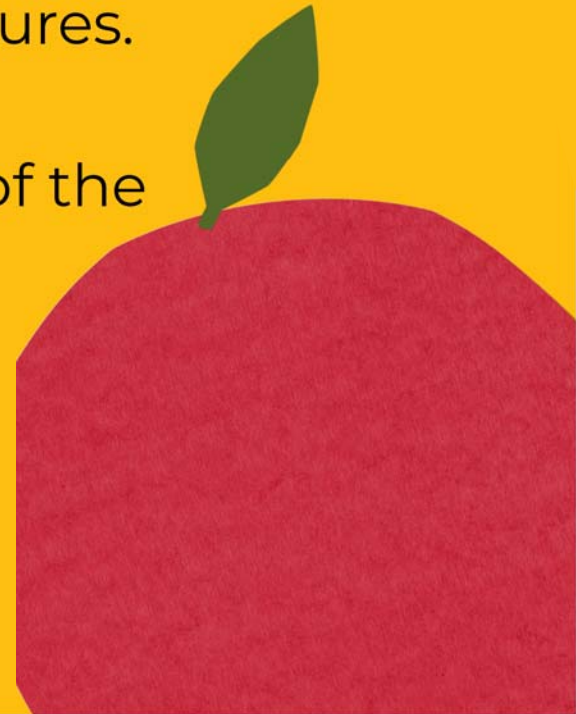


# **STATE SUN BUCKS ESSENTIALS: Key Information for Outreach Partners**

**MONTH DAY 2026**

# HOUSEKEEPING

- Insert training or webinar specifics.
- Include info on how to submit Q&A & chat features.
- Inform attendees if session will be recorded.
- Let attendees know if they will receive a copy of the slides.
- Delete this slide if not needed.



# PRESENTERS

TEMPLATE

# SESSION GOALS

- Provide overview of SUN Bucks
- Review eligibility & how children enroll in the program
- Discuss gaps in participation
- Changes for 2026
- Align on outreach goals and how you can help reach more kids with SUN Bucks

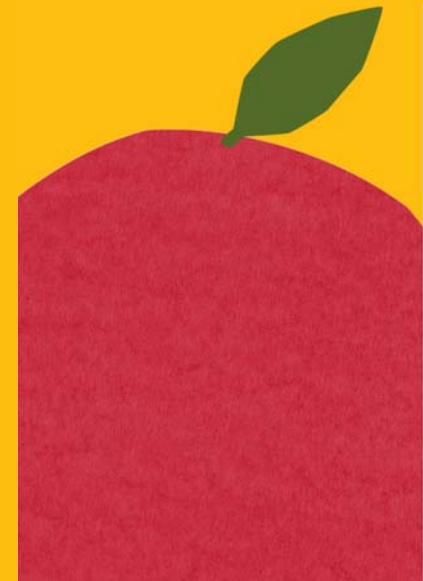
# SUN BUCKS AT A GLANCE

**Provides a one-time payment of \$120 in extra grocery benefits to eligible children** over the summer, when kids aren't getting the meals they usually eat at school.

**Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks**, but some households need to apply.

**Benefits expire 122 days (about 4 months)** after they are issued on an EBT card.

In STATE, the program is administered by AGENCY.



# ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT BASICS

- Most eligible children are automatically enrolled through other programs they already participate in, but some need to apply.
- Students of any age that meet the program's income limit (185% FPL) and school enrollment requirements are eligible.
- **SummerEBT.org** helps families easily check their child's eligibility and determine if they need to apply.
- **Families not automatically enrolled should apply by DATE for 2026 benefits!**
- Apply at: **LINK**

**Most children  
are  
auto enrolled**



**Some eligible  
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to apply**



# ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT IN DETAIL

## Auto-Enrollment

Children that attend a NSLP school & meets any of the following:

- Receives SNAP or TANF
- Receives Medicaid + household income at or below 185% FPL
- Certified to receive free or reduced-price meals at school via an application
- Is homeless, in foster care, or the Migrant Education Program

Children not attending a NSLP school between the ages of X and X & meets any of the above.

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## Need-To-Apply

A child of any age not already automatically enrolled that attends a NSLP school & meets any of the following should apply\*:

- Household income at or below 185%

\*Only children attending schools offering meals through NSLP are eligible for SUN Bucks via an application.



# QUESTIONS FAMILIES MAY HAVE

How do I enroll my child or apply?

When will we get the benefits? Do benefits expire?

Why did we get these benefits? I didn't apply...

How do I check/update my mailing address?

How are funds delivered? Does each child get a card?

How do I get support? Who do I call?



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# OUTREACH GOALS

Trusted community members (like you!) can help amplify consistent and clear messages.



**REDUCE  
MISINFORMATION  
AND CONFUSION**



**REACH MORE  
CHILDREN WITH  
BENEFITS &  
INCREASE  
UTILIZATION**

# NEW FOR 2026

- [INSERT WHAT'S NEW TO HIGHLIGHT FOR ATTENDEES]
- Online Tools for Families
- Updated outreach materials [SUN Bucks Guide for Outreach Partners + templates for social media with graphics, newsletters, text campaigns, and more!]

# EQUIPPING YOU TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

## SUN Bucks Guide for Partners

### Understanding SUN Bucks

- Who is eligible
- Who receives it automatically
- Who needs to apply & how to apply

### Receiving SUN Bucks

- General information & instructions families will receive
- How and when benefits will arrive

### Using SUN Bucks benefits

- How to activate cards
- When benefits expire
- What families should do with their cards at the end of the summer
- Where SUN Bucks benefits can be used and foods they can buy

### Troubleshooting

- How to update mailing address
- What to do if a family loses their EBT card

# KEY MESSAGES FOR FAMILIES



## This Spring

### DATE GOES HERE

Sign up for \$120 in extra grocery support over the summer!

Visit [short link] to see if you're automatically enrolled or if you need to apply. Don't forget to make sure your address is up to date!



## End Of School

### DATE GOES HERE

SUN Bucks benefits are loaded onto your existing card or mailed to your address. If you haven't received SUN Bucks, you can still apply. Apply at [Short link].



## Over the Summer

### DATE GOES HERE

SUN Bucks and Summer Meals work together to help support families in our community.



## Back to School

### DATE GOES HERE

Are your SUN Bucks benefits still on the shelf?

Be sure to use them before they expire after 4 months.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- SUN Bucks Flyer for Families
- Website / FAQs page
- [Insert any family-facing materials available for partners to use when conducting outreach]
- [Insert screenshot of family flyer or other materials]

# SPECIAL OUTREACH CONSIDERATIONS

**Some children may face specific challenges accessing SUN Bucks**

- Communicating to households that attend schools with free meals for all (like CEP schools)
- Reaching kids without a stable mailing address
- Language access
- [Insert other populations that may require specific consideration]



# HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Trusted community members (like you!) can help spread the word by amplifying consistent and clear messages.

Please share our agency's ready-to-use resources available at [LINK](#)



Key Messages +  
Suggested Timing



Social Media Graphics  
+  
Captions



Family-facing  
Flyer



Newsletter  
Text



Poster



Eligibility Tools  
SummerEBT.org



## KEY LINKS

- State SUN Bucks Landing Page

**INSERT QR CODE TO  
LANDING PAGE**

# Questions & Answers

# Thank you!

**Speaker Name Goes  
Here**

Add Contact Info Here