





# Dear Partners, Maryland SUN Bucks is back for Summer 2025 and we need your help!

Building on the success of last year's launch, we're continuing to make sure students and their families have access to nutritious meals and don't face hunger during the summer break. **We need your help in educating our community!** 

#### What is SUN Bucks?!

SUN Bucks puts groceries on the table when school is out. Eligible children receive \$40 in June, July, and August, for a total of \$120 per child for the summer to ensure eligible families have access to healthy meals when school is not in session.

**Good news! Most families are automatically enrolled.** Their program enrollment letter or letter of eligibility will come in the mail. If they do not receive a letter but think they are eligible, they can scan the QR code to learn more about eligibility criteria, the application process, or apply.

#### Where:

SUN Bucks benefits will load to existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards for families currently receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) benefits. For those not receiving SNAP or TCA, benefits will be provided on a designated "Maryland SUN Bucks" card in the student's name. These benefits can be used at any SNAP-authorized retailer, including farmers' markets, to purchase healthy foods.

**Expiration:** SUN Bucks benefits will expire 122 days after the date of issuance.

## What You Can Do to Help:

- Remind parents/families to ensure their address is accurately listed in their school database.
- Parents and guardians do not need to apply if:
  - Their student was eligible for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals (FARMS)
  - o If they receive SNAP, TCA, or Medicaid, or
  - If their student was in foster care at any time since July 2024.
- Direct our shared customers to visit the Maryland SUN Bucks website at <a href="https://dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks/">https://dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks/</a> for more information or to <a href="mapply-online.">apply online.</a>

### • Share and post the following additional resources:

- Maryland SUN Bucks <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> flyer
- English and Spanish fact sheets

Thank you for your partnership in bringing Maryland SUN Bucks home in 2025!

