SUMMER FOOD RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Ohio's kids can eat for free in summer!

SUMMER MEALS

All children age 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals at participating USDA Summer Food Service Program sites. Some individuals age 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities are also eligible.

Learn more about Summer Meals at https://bit.ly/CHASummer.

SUMMER EBT/SUN BUCKS

Families with school-age children and incomes at or below 185% of the federal poverty level are able to buy groceries via pre-loaded cards. This $120 benefit works with other nutrition assistance programs to provide kids consistent access to critical nutrition when school's out.

Get more info on the back of this page or visit https://ohiosummerebt.org.

FOODBANKS & FOOD PANTRIES

Foodbanks and food pantries provide food and other resources to individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity.

Find a local foodbank or food pantry by calling 2-1-1 or search the map at https://ohiofoodbanks.org/foodbanks.

PRODUCE PERKS

This provides a dollar-for-dollar match (up to $25) on SNAP/EBT purchases for fruits and vegetables. This includes Summer EBT/SUN Bucks benefits!

Find locations at https://produceperks.org/locations.

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Summer EBT/SUN Bucks

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (Summer EBT or SUN Bucks) provides grocery benefits to low-income families with school-age children in Ohio when schools are closed for the summer.

Families can use the one-time benefit of $120 for each eligible child at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. Summer EBT benefits will either be loaded to a household's Ohio Direction Card or a prior year's Summer EBT benefit card, or a new benefit card will be sent in the mail to each eligible child.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE & HOW TO APPLY

If a household already participates in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Ohio Works First (OWF), or a student is approved by their school for free and reduced-price meals through direct application, the child will automatically be enrolled. Most households with children that participate in Medicaid will also automatically be enrolled, depending on their household income when they applied for Medicaid. Many schools make school meals available for free to all students, but free school meals do not automatically qualify families to receive this benefit; families must meet income eligibility requirements directly.

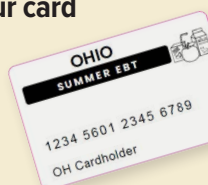If you are not automatically enrolled and believe your child is eligible, apply by filling out a simple application. **Scan the QR code to the right or visit https://sebt.ohio.gov/application.**

Check your Summer EBT/SUN Bucks application status and view the income eligibility guidelines at https://sebt.ohio.gov/status.

For Frequently Asked Questions, visit https://ohiosummerebt.org/faqs.

Scan code for Summer EBT/ SUN Bucks application

HOW IT WORKS

1.) Activate your card
If you are receiving SNAP benefits, funds will be added to your current Ohio Direction Card and no additional steps are necessary. If you are receiving a new card, it will come with instructions.

2.) Go to the store
Find stores that accept SNAP EBT by visiting **https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-locator**.

3.) Pick your food
Learn more at **https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items**.

4.) Pay with your card
Swipe your card at the checkout counter like a debit card, but press the button for "EBT." Enter your PIN, then press "Enter."

Scan code for detailed instructions