

# SUN Bucks (Summer EBT/S-EBT): Information for Parents



The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (Summer-EBT/SUN Bucks) provides grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children who lose access to free or reduced-price school meals when schools are closed for the summer.

Will my child automatically receive SUN Bucks in 2026?

Some children in Arizona will receive SUN Bucks automatically without needing to apply. To see whether your child will receive benefits automatically, please review the criteria below.

## Criteria for automatically receiving SUN Bucks without applying:

If your child was enrolled and attended an Arizona school that participated in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) and had access to a meal service between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 (if unsure, [click here](#)):

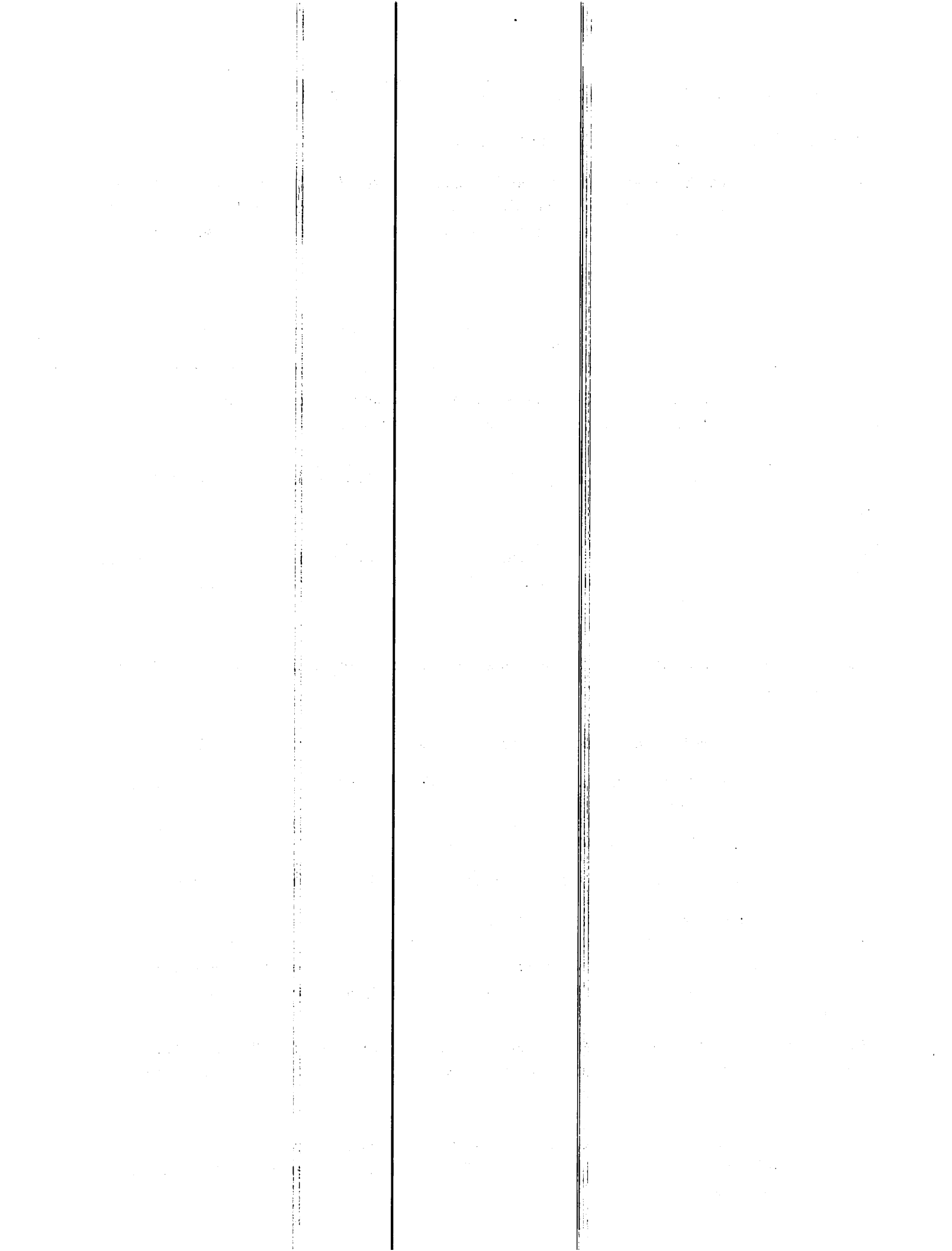
Your child must also have met at least ONE of the following requirements between July 1, 2025 and August 3, 2026:

- Individually certified for free or reduced-price meals because you submitted an NSLP household application; OR
- Received benefits for any amount of time under SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, or an NSLP/SBP participating Head Start program; OR
- Received benefits from an income based Medicaid program which meets [NSLP free or reduced-price income eligibility guidelines](#) for any amount of time; OR
- In Foster Care; OR
- Certified as homeless or as an unaccompanied youth under the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act; OR
- Certified under the Migrant Education Program.

If your child met ANY of the criteria above, and was enrolled and attended an Arizona [NSLP or SBP school](#) for at least one day during the 2025-26 instructional school year, they will automatically be issued SUN Bucks benefits in the summer of 2026. You do not need to apply or take further action to receive benefits.

If your child was enrolled and attended an Arizona school that participates in NSLP or SBP but does not meet the above requirements, you can apply for SUN Bucks (please refer to the "How do I apply for SUN Bucks" section).

If your child was NOT enrolled and did NOT attend an Arizona school that participated in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 (if unsure, [click here](#)):



Your child must meet BOTH the age and program eligibility criteria below:

- The age range requirement for the child: must be six years old by August 3, 2026, or less than sixteen years old before July 1, 2025,

AND

- Meet at least ONE of the program eligibility criteria below for at least one day between July 1, 2025 and August 3, 2026:
  - Received benefits for any amount of time under SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR; OR
  - Received benefits from an income based Medicaid program which meets NSLP free or reduced-price income eligibility guidelines for any amount of time; OR
  - In Foster Care; OR
  - Certified as homeless or as an unaccompanied youth under the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act; OR
  - Certified under the Migrant Education Program.

If your child meets BOTH the age requirement and the program eligibility criteria above, your child will automatically be issued SUN Bucks benefits in the summer of 2026. You do not need to take further action to receive benefits.

If your child does NOT meet the criteria above, your child is not eligible to apply for SUN Buck

