

# SEBT: Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer

Ohio is participating in a new program this summer called Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT), also known as SUN Bucks. Please review the information below to check your eligibility and if you need to apply.



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## What is SEBT?

Eligible and participating low income households will receive a one-time \$120 payment for each eligible child. You can use the money to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers.

## Is my student eligible?

- Eligible students were enrolled in a CH-UH City School District school during the 2023-2024 school year in grades PreK - 12
- AND meet at least one of the following:**
- Household participates in SNAP or OWF
  - Household is income eligible and receives Medicaid benefits
  - Household income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level - check the [Income Eligibility Criteria](#) to determine eligibility based on household income

## Do I Need to Apply?

- If your household already participates in SNAP, OWF or if income eligible and receiving Medicaid benefits, your child will automatically be enrolled to receive summer benefits with no further action needed.
- If you do not already receive benefits from SNAP, OWF, or Medicaid and your income level is less than 185% of the federal poverty level, you can confirm your income eligibility [using this Tool](#), then you must apply to participate in SEBT.

## How do I Apply?

- Apply for Summer EBT using the application at [sebt.ohio.gov](https://sebt.ohio.gov). The deadline to apply to get benefits this summer is **August 16, 2024**. If you have questions about the application, contact the Summer EBT Helpline at 1-866-244-0071, option 1.
- You will need to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, along with the names of other people in your household, your household income, and address where you would like the benefit card to be sent.
- You will not need to provide any documentation to apply but could be asked to verify your information.

## How will I Receive SEBT funds?

- Summer EBT benefits will either be loaded to a household's existing Ohio Direction Card, or a benefit card will be sent in the mail in a plain white envelope addressed to each eligible child.
- Payments for those already receiving benefits from SNAP, OWF, or Medicaid will be distributed by July 31st, on a rolling basis.
- Payments for those who apply through the SEBT website will be issued within two months of the application date.

In addition to Summer EBT, children under 18 years of age in your household can also receive free meals during the summer at a summer meal site. [See link here](#) to find the location closest to you.

## Additional Support:

### General Summer EBT Support Questions

Phone: **866-244-0071 Option 1**

Email: [support@ohio-k12.help](mailto:support@ohio-k12.help)

Website: [sebt.ohio.gov](https://sebt.ohio.gov)

### Questions About Summer EBT Card

Phone: **1-866-386-3071**

To Check Your Application Status:

<https://sebt.ohio.gov/status>