

SUN Bucks Reminders for McKinney-Vento Students

Summer 2025

AUTOMATIC ELIGIBILITY: If a McKinney-Vento student attends/attended an NSLP/CEP school in 2024-2025 school year, they are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks and do not have to do anything to receive the benefit. This group has no age requirements.

CARD DELIVERY: Cards will be sent to the mailing address on file with the student's school. If there is no address on file for the student, the card will be sent to the local county DSS office for pickup.

- If an NSLP/CEP McKinney-Vento student is on a Medicaid, Work First (TANF), or Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, food stamps) case, their SUN Bucks card will be sent to the address associated with that case.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Families have until May 5, 2025 to call the North Carolina EBT Call Center at **1-866-719-0141, select their language, and SELECT OPTION 2** to speak with a representative and update their address. After May 6, cards will start to be mailed. If a new card needs to be requested, students must call the North Carolina EBT Call Center at **1-866-719-0141, select their language, and SELECT OPTION 1**.

- If the school is aware of and prepared to facilitate card distribution, a McKinney-Vento student can request to mail their card to the school's address. Some schools have indicated this would be actionable.

BENEFIT TIMING: If a student was established as a McKinney-Vento student on March 31, 2025 or earlier, they will be included in the first issuance and may see their benefits as early as mid-June.

- If a student was established as a McKinney-Vento student between April 1, 2025 –June 1, 2025, they will be included in the second issuance and may see benefits beginning early July.
- If a NSLP/CEP McKinney-Vento student becomes established over the summer, they can apply and should make sure to indicate they are experiencing homelessness on the application.