

## New scholarship accounts give Hoosier families more control over students' education

**INDIANAPOLIS (June 14, 2022)** — One year after its creation, Indiana's newest scholarship fund is ready to launch! The **Indiana Education Scholarship Account Program** joins the state's robust catalog of education opportunities and is designed for families seeking to take control of their student's academic journeys. The application window will open for Eligible Students on June 27, 2022.

"After so much preparation, input, and study, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the Indiana ESA Program," said **Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell**, who oversees the program. "Families will have more opportunities to meet their child's individual education needs by taking control of the resources they are entitled to through an Indiana ESA account. I encourage all eligible Hoosiers to consider applying."

The Education Scholarship Account Program provides tax-free scholarship funds to Eligible Students for pre-approved education expenses such as tuition, therapies, assessments, and fee-for-service transportation to spend with pre-approved educational service providers. Funds are not counted as income for families of recipients, nor do funds impact other forms of financial aid (e.g. Medicaid waivers).

For the 2022-23 school year, the **application window** for eligible students is June 27-August 5, 2022. Applications can be found online at www.in.gov/tos/inesa.

To be eligible for ESA funds, students must meet the **following requirements**:

- Be a resident of Indiana;
- Are between the ages of 5-22 years old;
- Require special education services and have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Service Plan (SP), or Choice Special Education Plan (CSEP); and

 Annual income may not exceed 300% of the federal Free and Reduced Lunch income qualification.

Applications are open for providers now, and can be found on the program's Application page: https://www.in.gov/tos/inesa/.

## About the Program

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account Program will provide students with disabilities throughout the state of Indiana access to funds to set up an educational environment that best meets their learning needs. Parents of Eligible Students, or emancipated Eligible Students, will have the opportunity to spend dedicated scholarship money on approved educational programs, therapies, services, tuition and fees, and other expenses related to the student's education.

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