

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM **DANIEL M. ELLIOTT** INDIANA STATE TREASURER

"Indiana's ESA program gives educational opportunities to families and children from urban and rural areas. Coming from rural Indiana, I understand the importance of making sure Hoosiers are aware of the benefits of ESA's and what they can offer to families interested in choosing what's best for their children."



PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT **THE MINDCAP CENTER**

"The ESA program has been a wonderful resource for our clients to receive cognitive intervention services beyond what they could have otherwise pursued without this program. The ESA program staff have also been very helpful to us on all levels as we have navigated the process with our clients."





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ANNA

"My child struggled in a school system unable to support her needs.

Through the Education Scholarship Account, she can attend a school that caters to her unique learning style where she's thriving.

We are so grateful to have the support of a program like ESA that allows my child to learn in nature."

-Jennifer, Mom of Anna

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ELLA

"Ella is complex. Which in turn makes all things related to her life complex.

ESA has opened up doors we never thought possible... We found a way to help her bloom where she is planted.

All because of the opportunity to use the ESA funds to give Ella her best opportunity for her education."

-Erica, Mom of Ella





PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT **ROBSON ACADEMY**

"As the Administrator at Robson Academy, I have had the privilege of creating a school for outlier kids. We do school in such a different way, which allows each of our students an individualized education: they don't need to fit in a box.

Our school would not be possible without the ESA program! Half of our students are using the

program, and wouldn't have otherwise been able to afford the education specific for their student's needs.

I'm beyond grateful a program exists that can help these families with students on the fringe to get the individualized education that each of their children need, putting the parents back in the driver's seat."

-Lauren, School Administrator



SAVE THE DATE



June 23, 2023

Last day to submit invoices for program year 2022-23



July 03, 2023

Begin accepting invoices for program year 2023-24



June 26, 2023

\$1000 rollover of funds from program year 2022-23 (must meet statewide testing obligation)



July 17, 2023

First disbursement of funds for program year 2023-24

IMPORTANT UPDATES

2023-24 Income Qualification

Household Size	Household Income (AGI)
1	\$107,892
2	\$145,928
3	\$183,964
4	\$222,000
5	\$260,036
6	\$298,072
7	\$336,108
8	\$374,144
9	\$412,180
10	\$450,216

A change in the law means more options for your family! ESA income eligibility increased to 400% of the federal free and reduced meal rate. What does that mean for you? Your child may qualify if your family meets the income guidelines in the chart (left) and other eligibility criteria.

2023-24 APC Award Amounts

Scholarship award amounts are calculated based on the school corporation where you live and the level of diagnosed disabilities of your student. These amounts have been raised for the 2023-24 school year. For example, Level I Disabilities increased from \$10,575 to \$11,104.

Adjusted Pupil Count*		
APC Level I: Severe Disabilities \$11,104	APC Level II: Mild and Moderate Disabilities \$2,790	APC Level III: Communication Disorders \$525
Multiple Disabilities Orthopedic Impairment Blind or Low Vision Deaf or Hard of Hearing Emotional Disability/Full Time Placement Severe Intellectual Disability Deaf-Blind Autism Spectrum Disorder Traumatic Brain Injury	Emotional Disability/All Other Placements Specific Learning Disability Developmental Delay (Ages 5B-8 only) Mild Intellectual Disability Moderate Intellectual Disability Other Health Impairment	Language or Speech Impairment

*Students aged 5B turned five between December 2, 2021, up to and including August 1, 2022 (kindergarten eligible). Per pupil allocation is based on the primary disability and an additional count of students with a secondary disability of Language or Speech Impairment. Amounts are conditional on state budgetary availability.

Non-Public Corner



Many families would love to have their child attend a private school, but are unable due to the high costs associated with a private education. ESAs were developed to provide families the resources needed to afford the best education for their child.

Some of the private schools we have partnered with include...



*The full list of approved providers and schools can be found on our [website](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can my child be enrolled in a public school and still receive an ESA scholarship?

No, but your child could take an individual course like biology, gym class, or to complete testing. The school does need to be an approved provider so that they can be paid via ESA funds

What is the difference between a Choice Scholarship Account and an Education Scholarship Account?

Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, commonly referred to as the voucher program, provides scholarships to offset tuition costs at participating non-public schools.

ESA funds can be used for private school tuition, homebased education, special education services, camps, therapies, tutoring, life/social skills, transportation, and more.

What is ClassWallet?

ClassWallet is the financial management platform for the Education Scholarship Account program. Parents will utilize ClassWallet to pay providers for services received. Providers will register their bank account information to receive payment from ESA students.

What if my child's current service provider is not an approved ESA provider?

We are always looking for new providers to add to our program and provider applications are open year round. Please send us their information via the Provider Contact Form which can be found on the ESA website on the Families page.

How much funding will my student receive with an Education Scholarship Account?

Students who participate in the program will receive 90% of their basic tuition support already allotted to the student by the state as well as 100% of special education dollars allotted to their student, if the student chooses not to receive special education services from their local public school. This amount will vary by district and is based on your local public school district.



LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

Surveys

We strive everyday to make improvements to our program so that it works better for the Hoosiers we serve. Please take the time to fill out our surveys below. Feedback received from these surveys will help guide internal processes as well as legislative decisions.



Parent Survey



Provider Survey

Provider Contact Form

Have a provider you would like to see accept ESA funds? Enter that provider's contact information in the form below and we will reach out to them!

An icon of a checklist. It consists of a square box containing a checked box at the top, followed by four unchecked boxes, each with a horizontal line to its right.

Provider Contact Form

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