

WHY DO WE NEED AN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT (ESA)?

Children with disabilities deserve to thrive and learn where they can reach their full potential. Sometimes that is in a local public school, and sometimes not. The Education Scholarship Account (ESA) empowers families to personalize the education of their child by giving parents control of funds that would have been used in a public school to spend on other approved educational expenses that better meet the child's needs.

WHAT IS AN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT?

An ESA allows parents to withdraw their children from public or charter schools and receive a deposit of public funds into a spending account with restricted, but multiple, uses. The fund can be used for several different expenses including private school tuition, therapists, tutoring, individual courses at public school, and more.

HOW MUCH IS AN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT WORTH?

Students in the ESA will each receive:

- 90% of the state's portion of student funding
- Plus 100% of the state's special education services funding

Scholarship amount varies according to grade, county of residence, and disability. In total, Indiana has allocated \$10 million to ESA, with an average scholarship amount of \$17,500 per ESA student.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Resident of Indiana
- Students 5-22 years old; K-12 grade level
- Student must have a disability and require special education through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Service Plan (SP), Choice Service Plan, or ESA Service Plan.
- Income at or below income qualification (\$222,000 for a family of four)
- * See ESA website for full table

HOW DO I APPLY AND ACCESS THE ESA FUND?

1. Apply at in.gov/tos/inesa.

Required documents: relationship to child, income, diagnosis, and residency.

2. Once approved, funds are deposited into the child's ESA.

ClassWallet is the management platform for the ESA program.



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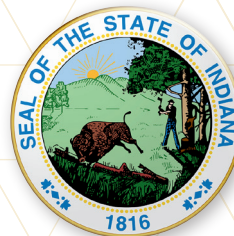
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EMPOWERING DISABLED HOOSIER
STUDENTS WITH **PERSONALIZED**
K-12 SCHOLARSHIPS

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2022-2023 SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

173

Hoosier students benefit from Education Scholarship Account

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 30%** Marion County
- 15%** Hamilton County
- 10%** St. Joseph County
- 5%** Allen County
- 5%** Porter County

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING BY CATEGORY

- \$17,500** Average Scholarship Amount
- \$10M** Allocated
- 75%** Tuition & Fees
- 10%** Tutoring
- 10%** Education Services
- 3%** Educational Camp
- 2%** Other*

* Paraprofessionals, Educational Aids, Assessments, Examinations, Therapy

WHAT ARE QUALIFIED EXPENSES?

More than **170+** service providers

- Private school tuition/fees
- Homebased education
- Testing and examination services
- Tutoring
- Educational camp
- Equestrian therapy
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services
- Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) services
- Other services provided by approved providers



Meet **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, Anna's mom

Meet **The Loewen Kids**
Lawrence County



Cassidy, Judah, & Cameron

"We're parents of five kids: three of which do not fit into a normal school setting. We tried hard to find the right school for each of our kids, but because of finances, we were limited to certain options, and none worked well for our four."

We felt our hands were tied, we knew what our kids needed for education, but we couldn't afford the options. When the ESA program came along, we FINALLY had the freedom to support our kids in the specific ways that each of them needed. We're grateful that we have policy makers that are willing to help parents be in charge of where we spend educational money for our children."

— Troy & Lauren (parents)

Meet **Ella Hunt**
Elkhart County



"We finally have a solution. Ella is COMPLEX. Which is turn makes all things related to her life complex. ESA opened doors we never thought possible. We found a way to schedule school around her immense physical challenges, focus on the topics she needs to help her grow, and help her bloom where she is planted. All because the ESA funds give Ella her best opportunity for her education."

— Eric, Ella's mom