



Indiana ESA

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Second Quarter Disbursement

The second disbursement of scholarship funds to ESA student's ClassWallet accounts will take place the week of October 16. Families will see one quarter of their yearly scholarship award deposited into ClassWallet. Please be aware that if your child receives special education services from a public school corporation, a portion of their award went to that public school corporation to provide those services. If you have any questions or concerns about your second quarter disbursement amount, please contact our office at ESA@tos.in.gov.

Want ESA at your event?

Reach out to PJ Vaught, ESA Community Engagement Manager! We would love to set up a table and spread information about ESA to your community!
pvaught@tos.in.gov



New state testing page on ESA website!

We have added a new page to the ESA website! There is now a State Testing page which will contain all of the information that parents need to know to be able to complete their state testing requirements utilizing ESA funds. Visit in.gov/tos/inesa/state-testing to learn more!

Career Scholarship Account

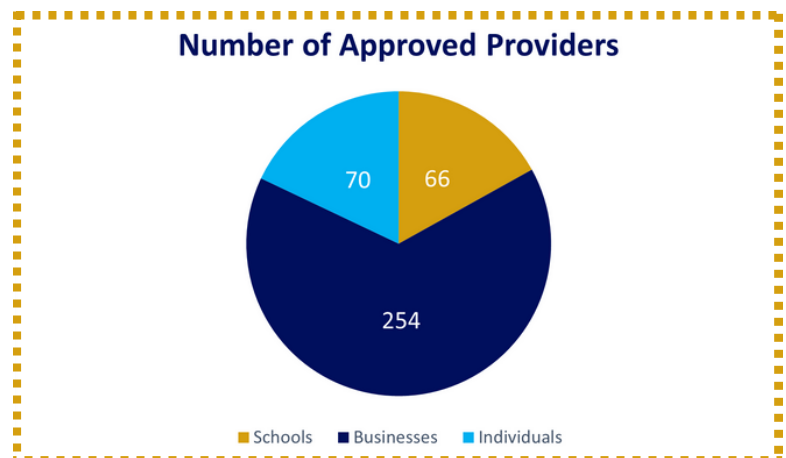
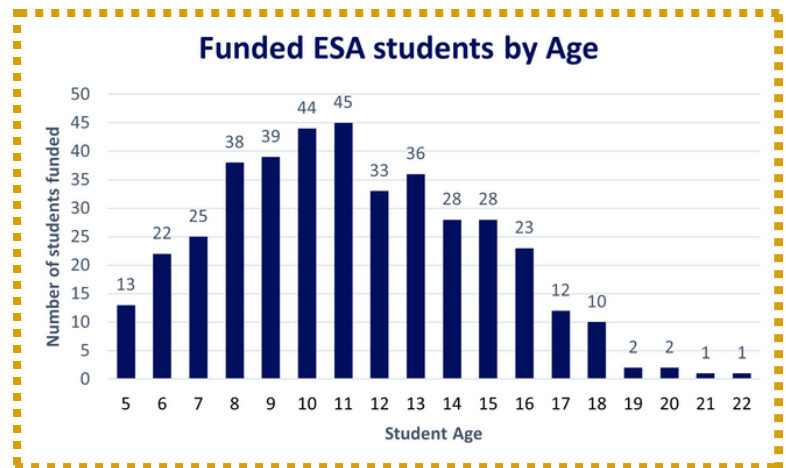
House Bill 1002 established the Career Scholarship Account (CSA) Program earlier this year. The CSA program is administered by the Indiana Treasurer of State (TOS) in partnership with Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE).

The CSA program provides \$5,000 annually through quarterly disbursements (\$1,250 per quarter) to eligible 10th, 11th, 12th grade students enrolled in eligible programs to pursue apprenticeships, applied learning experience, work-based learning, and credentials attainment experience. CSA program funds the eligible costs of career coaching and navigation services, postsecondary education and training, transportation and equipment, and certification and credentialing examinations.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/tos/csa/>

ESA By The Numbers

*as of October 20



International Citizen of the Year

Since 1985, The International Center has honored individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Indiana and the world in the fields of business, culture, education, government, medicine, media, research, sports or community service with the International Citizen of the Year award. This year, ESA was in attendance with Porch Marketing to network with impactful groups of leaders within the education and finance industries. Previous honoree's in attendance include Mayor Greg Ballard and Mrs. Winnie Ballard, Governor Holcomb, Riad Shaheen, Mark Miles any many more.



Private School Column



Over 50 state accredited schools have been approved as ESA Qualified Schools. Below is a list of the most recent additions:

- **The CTM Academy**
- **St. Michael School**
- **Legacy Christian School**
- **Indiana Academy**
- **Bishop Luers High School**
- **Traders Point Christian School**
- **Heartland Christian School**
- **Indy West Christian School**

Midwest Academy Gala

Thank you to Midwest Academy for inviting ESA to attend their 2023 Pearls of Wisdom Gala! "The Gala" was born when Midwest families wanted to provide a way for families with financial limitations to send their children to Midwest. Treasurer Elliott was a keynote speaker!



Virtual Provider Fairs

We recently have started holding virtual provider fairs to highlight ESA providers throughout the state. These fairs have been great for providers to share information about themselves and connect with ESA families.

The next fair will be held October 25th for providers in Fort Wayne. To view a recording of the Indianapolis fair, visit our [YouTube page](#).

For more information and to sign up for future fairs, reach out to External Communications Coordinator Samuel Gilmore at: sagilmore@tos.in.gov (317) 232-5302

Advocacy Corner

What does ESA mean for you, your child, or your organization? Share your educational journey with Indiana State Representatives and Senators!

Contact Abhi Reddy for more information: areddy@tos.in.gov (317) 232-6386

Provider Highlight



"The mission of The Applied Behavior Center for Autism is to provide the highest quality ABA and Verbal Behavior therapy and consulting services to children and their families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders to Build Brighter Futures. We do this by providing proven researched based ABA methodologies delivered by highly qualified and certified professionals. Our programs focus on increasing language skills, social skills, daily living, and reducing problematic behavior"

<https://appliedbehaviorcenter.org/enrollment@appliedbehaviorcenter.org>
(317) 849-5347



Qualified ESA Expenses

The following list of services are qualified ESA expenses and can be paid using your ESA funds:

- Tuition and fees at an approved ESA School
- Tuition and fees to attend training programs and camps with a focus on
 - Vocational/soft job skills
 - Academic skills
 - Life/independence skills
- Fees for different types of therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - ABA therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Music/art therapy
 - Equine therapy
- Certain student assessments and examinations. Information on required state tests can be found [here](#).
- Paraprofessionals or educational aides
- Transportation (up to \$750/year)

*Curriculum providers, virtual schools, and non-therapeutic virtual services are NOT approved for use with ESA funds



Get to know our Staff!

Samuel Gilmore



External Communications Coordinator

Where are you originally from?

I was originally born in Kazakhstan but was raised in Ohio pretty much my whole life. I moved to Indianapolis almost 2 years ago and have enjoyed it!

Favorite movie, food, and season of the year?

My favorite movie is something from Scorsese but it is so hard to chose one. Taxi Driver, Casino, and Shutter Island could all be #1. My favorite food is carne asada tacos.

My favorite season is winter because I love the snow and skiing!

What do you enjoy most about working for ESA?

I do a lot of the marketing pieces as well as keeping the website up to date. I really enjoy when I have a parent or provider tell me that they saw one of our ads or posts somewhere and then were able to find what they needed from our website. I enjoy being informative and helping Hoosiers make the best decisions for their child's education.



ESA Yard Signs

We still have ESA yard signs available for providers and families! The provider sign is shown below. The parent sign is similar but says "Home of an ESA Scholarship Recipient" on the top.

If you would like a yard sign, please reach out to Samuel Gilmore at sagilmore@tos.in.gov.



Save The Date!

ESA Fort Wayne Virtual Provider Fair

- October 25, 2023 10-11am EST
- Virtual
- [Register here!](#)

Connections Disability Resource Fair

- November 4, 2023 11-2pm
- Ivy Tech Community College
- 2357 Chester Blvd. Richmond, IN 47374

Special Needs Living Empowerment Day

- November 11, 2023 1-5:00pm
- 1685 North 10th Street Noblesville, IN 46060
- [Get tickets here!](#)

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M-F 8:00-4:30pm

