

March 2022 Newsletter



Indiana ESA Tour

February was a whirlwind tour across the state for Executive Director, Jackie Guglielmo. Families from Fort Wayne down to Evansville were able to learn more about Indiana ESA. Thank you to our colleagues at My School Options, the outreach team of Institute for Quality Education for making this possible! If you would like to attend a panel to learn more and ask questions, see the Upcoming Events column for a list of future panel discussion locations. Be sure to RSVP to the event by emailing Ely.Page@myschooloptions.org.



Social Media

It's official! Indiana ESA is on Facebook and LinkedIn. Each platform features information for families or providers respectively and a list of upcoming events. For the most up-to-date information about Indiana ESA, find us at either <https://www.facebook.com/INESA>. Program or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/indiana-education-scholarship-account-program>



Shout Outs

Thank you to our partners for all their help in spreading the word about Indiana ESA during the month of February! We would also like to thank Indiana Treasurer of State, Kelly Mitchell, for her continued support. We would also like to recognize My School Options for hosting the Indiana ESA Panels across the state and In*Source for co-hosting the informational webinar in partnership with the Arc of Indiana. We also appreciate the Arc of Indiana for inviting our team to join their annual Valentine's Day event with the Treasurer of State's Office.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2022

ESA Panel Discussion
River Montessori High School, South Bend, IN
6:30-7:30 PM EST

March 3, 2022

ESA Panel Discussion
Bishop Knoll High School, Hammond, IN
7:00-8:00 PM CST

Coming Soon

ESA Informational Video Series in partnership with IQE and EdChoice

Provider webinar hosted by Indiana ESA Team

Eligibility Requirements

The Education Scholarship Account (ESA) program, administered by the Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State, is Indiana's newest school choice initiative. The program's mission is to allow families of students with disabilities the ability to customize their child's educational experience by providing tax-free scholarship money that can be used to purchase a variety of education related services and therapies.

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size	
Household Size	300% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
	Annual Household Income Limit ¹
1	\$75,424.50
2	\$101,620.50
3	\$127,816.50
4	\$154,012.50
5	\$180,208.50
6	\$206,404.50
7	\$232,600.50
8	\$258,796.50
9	\$284,992.50
10	\$311,188.50

In order to qualify for an Indiana ESA, families must meet a few different requirements. They must be resident of the state of Indiana, 5-22 years old and qualify for special education services with a current and active Individualized Education Program (IEP), Individualized Service Plan (ISP), or Choice Special Education Plan (CSEP). Families' annual income must not exceed 300% of

the Free & Reduced Lunch income requirement (see chart for household requirements). In order to prove that a student meets these requirements, families will need to provide a birth certificate, a piece of official mail listing a current address, the student's IEP, ISP, or CSEP, and documentation verifying annual income. Be sure to have these documents ready when student applications go live in June 2022!

Providers must be vetted and approved by the Indiana ESA before joining our list of pre-approved providers. Individual providers will have to complete the online application and submit a valid copy of their license or certification in order for their application to be considered complete and ready to be processed.



Businesses will be able to apply by designating a representative to complete the application on behalf of the organization and submit a current copy of the business license. Individual providers employed by that business will not be expected to apply separately. Be sure to have your documents ready when the individual provider applications open in April of 2022!