

Education Student Accounts (ESA+)



Understanding the ESA+

The Education Student Accounts (ESA+) program is for students with special needs. It provides families with the financial resources necessary to choose the school that meets the needs of their child.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Eligible students will receive a \$9,000 award and students with certain disabilities will receive \$17,000. This award can be used for the costs associated with educating a child with a disability, including tuition and/or qualified expenses.

The ESA+ program is intended for students seeking to enroll in an eligible (private or home) school, or to have the flexibility of co-enrolling in one of these AND public school. Students co-enrolled in public school will receive a reduced award.



To qualify, a student must:

- Be a child with a disability. Families must provide the Eligibility Determination Form from a North Carolina public school.
- A child must be at least age 4 by April 16 and entering kindergarten, per state guidelines.
- Be younger than 22 years old.
- Be a child residing in North Carolina.



The application for the 2023-24 school year opens February 1st.

Eligible students will be awarded by lottery.

The student is ineligible if:

- They do not have an Eligibility Determination Form from a NC public school.
- They have a high school diploma.
- They have spent any time enrolled as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit at a postsecondary educational institution.

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