

# 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 2024-25 school year opens February 1st, 2024.***

***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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