

Disabilities Grant and Education Savings Account (ESA)

**Additional Funding Available for Disabilities Grant and
ESA Programs**

House Bill 1105 (part of the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act), passed by the North Carolina General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on September 4, 2020, provides additional funds for Disabilities Grant and Education Savings Account (ESA) Programs.

What Does This Mean?

A Disabilities Grant or ESA for one school term (fall 2020) will be awarded to eligible students who applied for funding within the application deadlines but did not receive an award.

- Funding:
 - Disabilities Grant: up to \$4,000 for a full-time student
 - ESA: up to \$4,500 for a full-time student
- A student who receives an award under this provision will **not** receive renewal priority, but may be eligible for an award in 2021-22. The parent must apply via the new student application for the 2021-22 school year and meet new student eligibility requirements.
- Funds are for the fall semester 2020 only.

The timing of these awards will be announced soon.

Next Steps

We know you have many questions, and NCSEAA is working quickly to provide families with accurate information about program changes due to HB 1105. In the meantime, there are several steps you can take if you plan to use the award:

- You do not need to apply again. Existing applications will be reviewed in order of lottery number.

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- If students already attend the school of choice:
 - [Visit the list of participating nonpublic schools](#) to make sure that the school participates in the Disabilities Grant or ESA Program.
 - Check the student's MyPortal account to ensure that the school of choice is listed.
 - Let the school know that you will be receiving a Disabilities Grant or ESA.
- If students currently attend a public school, they will need to transfer to a [participating nonpublic school](#) to use the funding.
- If you plan to use the award for homeschooling, you will need to [establish a home school](#) if you haven't already done so.

We will continue to provide more information, and appreciate your patience.