

K12 Programs: Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for each program. Families can apply for multiple programs.

Opportunity Scholarship

Part 1 - All Required

- Household must meet the [Household Income Eligibility Guideline](#)
- At least 5 years old by August 31
- Lives in NC
- Has not graduated high school
- Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time*

Part 2 – One Required

- Received and used Opportunity Scholarship funds in previous year
- Attended a NC public school or Department of Defense school in NC as a full-time student during the spring semester before the Opportunity Scholarship will be used
- Entering kindergarten or 1st grade
- In foster care, or adopted within the last year
- Has a parent on full-time active military duty

Disabilities Grant

Part 1 – All Required

- Is a child with a disability who requires special education, [as documented by a NC public school IEP](#)
- At least 5 years old by August 31
- Lives in NC
- Has not graduated from high school
- Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time*

Part 2 – One Required

[Priority 1]

- Received and used Disabilities Grant funds in previous year

[Priority 2]

- Enrolled in a NC public school or a Department of Defense school in NC during the spring semester before the Disabilities Grant will be used
- Entering kindergarten or 1st grade
- In foster care, or adopted within the last year

- Has a parent on full-time active military duty

[Priority 3]

- Has lived in NC at least 6 months, but does not meet requirements above

➤ See [Program Overview](#) for Priority Levels explanation.

Education Savings Account (ESA)

All Required:

- Is a child with a disability who requires special education, [as documented by a NC public school IEP](#)
- At least 5 years old by August 31
- Lives in NC
- Has not graduated from high school
- Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time*
- Eligible to attend public school in NC

To participate in Disabilities Grant and ESA Programs
simultaneously, students must:

Meet the criteria of each program

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Have one of the following designated
as the primary or secondary disability on their
Eligibility Determination form:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf/Blindness
- Developmental Delay
- Deafness or Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability (moderate or severe)
- Multiple Disabilities
- Visual Impairment

*See side-by-side
comparison of
DGrants and ESA
[here.](#)*

*Full-time: 12 or more credit hours in a given semester.

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