Disabilities Grant
Program Policies 2016-17

Enrollment Requirements:
1. A student must attend an eligible nonpublic school for a full semester (defined as at least 75 school days) in order to qualify for reimbursement to the family for eligible expenses incurred during that semester.
2. Only students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade are eligible for the grant. The child must be at least 5 years old on August 31, 2016. Students who are 22 years of age as of the date of the beginning of the semester are not eligible for funding for that semester.
3. Students cannot attend public school while also attending a nonpublic school for which the parent will seek grant funds.

For questions about eligible expenses, consult the Disabilities Grant Program’s Frequently Asked Questions. We recommend that families request preapproval for expenses other than tuition and fees billed by a registered nonpublic school prior to incurring the expense. The preapproval form is available through the student’s portal.

The maximum amount of the grant is $3,000 per semester ($6,000 per school year).

Payment of Grant Funds:
1. The Disabilities Grant Program disburses funds to nonpublic schools twice a year: at the beginning of each semester. For funds disbursed directly to nonpublic schools, the family does not need to submit any documentation.
2. The Disabilities Grant Program reimburses parents for qualified expenses twice a year: at the end of each semester. SEAA will require a Disabilities Grant reimbursement form and receipts at the end of every semester, as well as additional documents the first time a family is reimbursed. See the Frequently Asked Questions for full details.
3. The Frequently Asked Questions also explain exactly what information the receipts should document. Receipts without required information will not be accepted for reimbursement. Prior to grant payments, SEAA will review and confirm that the submitted receipts support the reimbursement requested. State grants will not be paid for services that are paid by another entity.
4. The grant cannot reimburse a parent for optional expenses billed by the school such as field trips or extracurricular activities. The grant cannot reimburse for after-school care. Families should seek preapproval for expenses prior to incurring the expense.
5. In order for funds to be disbursed to the school or reimbursed to the parent, a student must have a public school Eligibility Determination (form DEC3) on file. The date must be 9/1/13 or later for reimbursement of fall 2016 expenses and 1/1/14 or later for reimbursement of spring 2017 expenses.

These policies do not represent an exhaustive list of all Disabilities Grant rules. See the Program Rules or the Disabilities Grant website for more details.