

## Disabilities Grant and ESA Programs: What are Qualified Expenses?

The **Disabilities Grant (DGrants) Program** may reimburse families for qualified expenses related to educating a child with disabilities. The **Education Savings Account (ESA) Program** provides funds in an electronic debit account, also for families to pay for qualified expenses related to educating a child with disabilities. The purpose of this document is to explain qualified expenses (other than required tuition and fees at a participating nonpublic school) for both the DGrants and ESA Programs.

### Textbooks

- Required by the participating nonpublic school

### Tutoring and teaching services

- Provider registered with and approved by SEAA

### Curricula

- Grade appropriate
- Supports an academic program
- Membership to online curriculum acceptable

### Fees for nationally standardized tests

- Available for homeschool families with qualified receipt
- Not available for students enrolled in participating nonpublic schools

### Fees for services provided by a public school

- ESA only
- Seek direction from SEAA *before* paying for services

### Educational therapies

- Provider registered with and approved by SEAA
- Adaptive/therapeutic in nature or designed for students with special needs

**Educational Technology** is defined separately

### Student transportation

- Provider registered with and approved by SEAA
- Transportation to and from educational services or activities

### Excluded expenses:

- Consumable educational supplies like paper, markers, printer cartridges
- Household items
- Field trips
- Tickets to events
- Membership to organizations
- Out of state services
- Sports equipment
- Furnishings (e.g. a desk or chair)
- Musical instruments

### Providers:

Providers of tutoring and teaching services, educational therapies, or transportation may not be a member of the student's immediate family or a member of the households of the student's Home School if the student is in a Home School.

Providers must register with and be approved by SEAA. SEAA will review the provider credentials to determine whether the provider holds a license that meets the requirements of the DGrants and ESA Programs, including accreditation by a State, regional or national organization that is acceptable to SEAA.

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