



Education Student Accounts (ESA+)



**Information for School
Administrators**

AGENDA

1. **ESA+ : a new program**
2. **Overview**
 - *parent steps & requirements*
 - *funding amounts, timeline*
3. **Students with Dual Program Awards**
4. **Part-Time Enrollment**
5. **Schools as Providers**





ESA+ is NEW

ESA+ provides scholarships for expenses related to educating a child with a disability in a nonpublic (private or home) school. Funds can be used for:

- Tuition and fees at participating schools
- Therapeutic services (such as ABA, speech), tutoring, curriculum, and educational technology

ESA+ disbursements like Opportunity Scholarship

SEAA will disburse ESA+ funds for tuition and fees to schools on behalf of students.

1. Schools will certify costs.
2. Schools will endorse ESA+ award amounts.
3. Parents will endorse ESA+ award amounts.
4. SEAA will electronically disburse ESA+ funds directly to schools.

in MyPortal

ESA+ Parent Steps / Requirements

**Every
Year:**

All parents must sign and submit a **Parent Participation Agreement**, a **W9**, and a **Waiver** of public school services.

**Continuing
Eligibility:**

An ESA+ student must also be re-evaluated every three years. Continuing Eligibility can be done at no charge by the public school, or by a psychologist or psychiatrist. The nonpublic school cannot do the re-evaluation.



ESA+ Award Amounts

The main award level is \$9,000 per year.

Students who meet the main eligibility criteria, **and** have one of the following designated as the primary or secondary disability on the IEP Eligibility Determination may be eligible for \$17,000.

These areas of disability may qualify the student for the higher award amount. Terms listed as they appear on the Eligibility Determination.

- Autism
- Hearing Impairment, Deafness, Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disability, Moderate or Severe
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Visual Impairment

Part-Time Enrollment with ESA+

ESA+ students who co-enroll in ... will receive ...

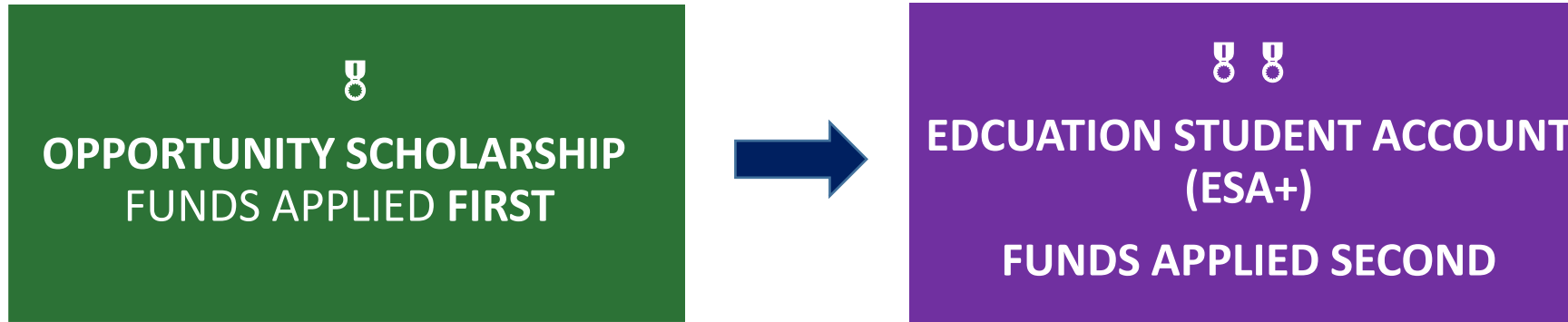
- two private schools: *regular award*
- private school and home school: *regular award*
- private school and public school: *50% of the award*



Notes:

- For students enrolled less than full-time, it is **a school's responsibility** to know where the student is co-enrolled.
- Students enrolled in home school (full-time or part-time) **cannot benefit from any Opportunity Scholarship** funding.

Dual Awards



- Award disbursement is **program-specific**:
- Opportunity and ESA+ disburse funds directly to schools on behalf of students.
- Schools complete Certification just once per year even if the student has more than one program award.
- Schools and parents endorse via MyPortal for each program award, each semester.

Schools as Providers of Services

Schools can serve as a provider of services.

For example, a school may offer after-school therapies or tutoring.

In these cases, the schools provide an invoice to the ESA+ parent, who can electronically transfer ESA+ funds to pay the school (provider).



Schools as Providers of Services

Schools must provide an **invoice** to the parent which matches the amount the parent will be transferring to the school.



Schools should show a line item for the transaction fee if that fee is charged back to the parent.

Parents (not schools) are responsible for uploading this document to ClassWallet.

Invoice Should Include ...

- **Name of school**
- **Student name**
- **Name of parent paying the expense**
- **What service the payment is for**
- **Dates of services**
- **Transaction fee as a line item, if charged to the parent**



Additional Information



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