



## ESA+ News You Can Use

Welcome to the ESA+ newsletter for families, your source for the latest news and important information about the ESA+ program!

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### Yes, You can Transfer ESA+ Funds to a New School

Did you know that your student may be able to continue using their ESA+ award even if they change schools? The ESA+ award can be transferred to another eligible nonpublic school one time each semester. The amount of available funds that can be sent to the new school will depend on the number of weeks your student attended their previous school. For more information on the school transfer process see [K12 Programs: School Transfers](#).

### Check Out Ways to Use Your ESA+ Funds

The new semester is a good time to start thinking about how you can use remaining funds from your ESA+ award.

A graphic with a green background. At the top, the text "ESA+ for Summer 2023:" is written in white, with "How to Plan Ahead" in a smaller, italicized white font below it. At the bottom of the graphic is a row of ten sharpened colored pencils in various colors (blue, green, orange, yellow, pink, purple, etc.) pointing downwards.

ESA+ for Summer 2023:  
*How to Plan Ahead*

Funds can be used for needs such as tutoring, academic curricula, and summer camps offered by approved providers. See the [webinar on rollover funds](#) for more information.

The timeline to use remaining funds depends on the award amount:

- \$9,000 awardees: Deadline is approximately **mid-June** to spend any remaining 2022-23 ESA+ funds.
- \$17,000 awardees: Recipients can **roll over** up to \$4,500 of their 2022-23 funds to use in July or in the next academic year.

*If a student's ESA+ funds all go toward tuition, or if a parent with a home school spends the annual amount during the school year, funds will not be available for summer expenses.*

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## Reminders

### **It's Almost Time to Renew!**

Remember to look for your ESA+ renewal notification on MyPortal. Families who have used fall ESA+ funds are considered renewing families and do not have to apply as new students.

### **How to Submit for ESA+ Reimbursement Schools**

Families who attend ESA+ Reimbursement Schools should submit fall 2022 tuition receipts for reimbursement if they haven't done so already.

## Resources and Upcoming Events

### **Planning for College and Adulthood**

*NOTE: Events and resources sponsored by organizations other than SEAA are listed as a courtesy to our ESA+ families. SEAA is not responsible for any representations or information provided to the public by non-affiliated organizations.*

How to Pay for College (SEAA Event) – Join SEAA and the College Foundation of North Carolina during the month of February for this free, virtual series and learn about ways to pay for college.

Western NC Transition Event for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Spanish flier) – On April 26 the NC Department of Health and Human Services will host a "transitioning to adulthood" event for any high school or first year college student with hearing loss and their families. Attendance is free.

Alternatives to Guardianship – Arc of NC is sponsoring a free webinar January 30 that will cover the purpose of guardianship, Powers of Attorney, Special Needs Trust, and Supported Decision-Making Agreements.

Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship – NC high school seniors with a disability can apply for this \$1,500 scholarship through February 2, 2023.

Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship – This scholarship is open to high school seniors attending a four-year bachelor's degree program in the fall. Recipients must have a learning disability/ADHD and demonstrated financial need.