



ESA+ News You Can Use

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Allowable Expenses: Tutoring

This is the second article in a series that explores allowable expenses.

In our last issue, we covered types of curricula and curriculum materials families can purchase with ESA+ funds. Another expense families often ask about is tutoring. Tutoring is an allowable expense for ESA+ funds if tutors and tutoring services meet the following requirements:

- Tutors must be [registered with and approved by](#) SEAA to participate in the ESA+ program.
- Services must be related to one of the following academic subjects: math, science, English/language arts, social studies, or foreign languages.
- Families attending private schools must use their ESA+ funds for tuition and fees *before* they purchase tutoring. If there is a remaining balance once tuition and fees are paid, families can use the funds for tutoring or other allowable expenses.

Where Can I Find Registered and Approved Tutors?

ESA+ Families can find tutors on SEAA's [Search for a Provider portal](#) or the [ClassWallet](#) website. This year the ESA+ program added two online tutoring options (Outschool and Varsity Tutors) to the ClassWallet Marketplace.

Already have a tutor you would like to pay with ESA+ funds? Encourage them to [register to become an approved provider!](#)



New Resource!

Parents for Educational Freedom North Carolina (PEFNC) has updated their one-of-a-kind web application, [NC Schools Around Me](#), to help parents explore traditional, charter, and private school options in their area. Families will now be able to research tuition costs, transportation options, and uniform requirements for individual schools.

Reminders

Change of Address – Has your address changed? Be sure to update your address so you don't experience shipping delays with ClassWallet orders.

Steps to update your address:

1. Change the address in your MyPortal account.
2. Email ESA@ncseaa.edu to let us know you changed your address in MyPortal, and we will inform ClassWallet. Access to ClassWallet will be unavailable until the new address is updated in both places.

Opportunity Scholarship – The [application is now open](#) for the Opportunity Scholarship, North Carolina's income-based scholarship for K12 students who attend certain [nonpublic schools](#). Families may receive both the ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship if they qualify for and are awarded both programs.

Please note that there are no homeschooling options for the Opportunity Scholarship.

Resources and Upcoming Events

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.

[NC ABLE Webinar](#) – On February 24, the NC Department of State Treasurer

will host a webinar about the NC Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program. ABLE accounts allow eligible individuals the opportunity to save and fund a variety of qualified disability expenses while maintaining Medicaid, SSI, and other public supports.

Path to Success – Turning 18: Starting March 6, the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center and the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center will offer this free, self-paced training for parents and professionals. The online trainings will address legal, medical, financial, and educational decisions to consider when a person turns 18 in North Carolina.