Volume 10 | May 24, 2023



North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority

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!

Visit our Website

We've been hard at work closing out the current school year and making new awards for 2023-24! The ESA+ program received a record number of applications, so we appreciate your patience at this busy time.



End-of-Year Reminders (Awards for the 2022-23 School Year)

• Endorse spring funds – the deadline to endorse spring funds is May 31 (for students in a Direct Payment School).

- **Submit your renewal** if you haven't already done so, please respond to your renewal offer in MyPortal for next school year.
- **ClassWallet deadline June 23** is the last day to submit an invoice or make a purchase in ClassWallet for the current school year.
- Roll Over or Not? Check your MyPortal notifications if you aren't sure whether any remaining funds in ClassWallet from this year will be available to you next year.

Summer Webinars

We're gearing up for our second annual series of ESA+ webinars! Whether you're a new or renewing family, you don't want to miss these. Starting in June and continuing throughout the summer, live webinars will take place each Wednesday at noon. We'll cover what families need to know to navigate the ESA+ program, including school enrollment options, the payment process,

continuing eligibility, and more! Be on the lookout for more information from MyPortal and on the program website.

How to Change Your Address

Let us know as soon as possible if you have a change of email or mailing address, to ensure you continue to receive program notifications and orders from ClassWallet.

Steps:

- 1. Log into MyPortal.
- **2.** Change the address in two places; My Profile and My Contact Information.
- 3. Email <u>ESA@ncseaa.edu</u> to let us know you made the change in MyPortal. We will authorize ClassWallet to make the change in their system.



Call for Entries - NC Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

The Educational Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is seeking content for their next issue of *YEP: Young Exceptional Perspectives.*

YEP's "North Carolina's Got Talent" column spotlights the many talents and abilities of North Carolina youth and young adults with disabilities ages 5 to 25. The format of submissions can be a poem, artwork, blog, video, song, essay, article, presentation, or an "about me" article." ECAC's Youth Advisory Team will review the submissions and choose which ones to feature in their next newsletter. Selected entries will receive a \$25 Visa gift card!

The deadline for entries is 5:00pm on July 11, 2023. Application: <u>https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/resource-documents/north-carolinas-got-talent-application/</u>.

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.

Online Workshop: On June 6th at 9:30 a.m. the Autism Society of North Carolina will host "After the Diagnosis: Helping the Older Child Navigate the Journey," an online workshop for parents whose children were diagnosed with autism after the age of 8. To register please email jsmithmyer@autismsociety-nc.org.

Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games: Athletes from across the state will compete at the 2023 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games June 2-4! This is the largest state-level event for Special Olympics

North Carolina, featuring competition in seven different sports. <u>https://sonc.net/sports-competitions/sumr-games/</u>

Looking for a Previous Issue of the Newsletter?Newsletters are archived

on our website under "ESA+ Current Scholarship Families."