



Using Your Funds

North Carolina's ESA+ Scholarship Program

Helpful Hints for Zoom

*Slides are already posted at <https://www.ncseaa.edu/esa-family-trainings/> and a **recording** of this session will be posted there within a week.*

- Zoom has **closed captioning** available

Asking Questions

- Use the Q & A to ask your questions (chat is disabled)
- Email ESA@ncseaa.edu to ask questions about an individual student

Answering Questions

- Presentation team will answer questions from the Q & A at certain points
- Only questions related to this session's content will be addressed live



Types of Enrollment

Enrollment Categories

- A Direct Payment School

Are there ESA+ funds remaining after tuition and fees are paid?

- **NO**
- **YES**

- An ESA+ Reimbursement School

- A Home School



Do you use ClassWallet?

YES

- Home school
- ESA+ Reimbursement School
- Direct Payment School (if ESA+ funds remain after tuition and fees are paid)

NO

Parents of students at a Direct Payment School where the ESA+ funds pay the tuition and fees with nothing left over





Direct Payment School

Certification (*a school responsibility*)

Certification

- School confirms that a student is enrolled
- School provides the cost of tuition and fees



once a year, in August

Endorsement

1

SCHOOL

FALL: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

1

SPRING: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

PARENT

2

FALL: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

2

SPRING: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

Endorsement: *an electronic MyPortal task*

ESA+ website



Opportunity Scholarships Parental Endorsement Form

Parent/Guardian Name:
Student Name:
Student's Opportunity Scholarships Program ID:
Permanent Address:
Email Address:
Name of School:

Student Required Tuition and Fees:
Fall Tuition and Fees:
Full or 90:

Any necessary calculations to the Grant Amount have been made. The Grant Amount will be exactly as shown below:

Fall Opportunity Scholarships Amount:
Spring Opportunity Scholarships Amount:



By clicking Submit, I attest that:

- If I select to endorse and sign this form, I approve that my child's Opportunity Scholarships will be deposited directly into the bank account of the school named above to pay in part my child's tuition and fees. If my child withdraws from the school, any refund of the Opportunity Scholarships will be returned to the SEAA.

- I have reviewed the information on this page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

- I consent to the disclosure of information from my child's education records to the SEAA as may be necessary for it administer the Opportunity Scholarships Program on behalf of my child. This consent shall remain in effect until I revoke it in writing.

- I agree to allow my child to be tested by the nationally standardized test selected by my child's school as required by the Opportunity Scholarships Program.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us: OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu.

Endorse or Refuse

I Endorse the Opportunity Scholarships funding for Fall 2022.

I Refuse the Opportunity Scholarships funding for Fall 2022.

Parent First Name (Required):

Parent Last Name (Required):

> Submit > Cancel

- Is the correct school listed?
- Double check the scholarship amounts!

Typical Timeline

AUGUST : Certification

August / September: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (FALL)

January / February: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (SPRING)



Direct Payment School: with funds remaining
after tuition and fees are paid

Remaining funds to Wallet

If your school's costs are less than your award amount, the remaining award funds will move each semester to ClassWallet for you to use for other Qualifying Expenses.

TIMING: If your school is efficient with Certification, and you and your school are efficient with Endorsement, fall funds will be in ClassWallet by mid-September, and spring funds by early February.

Home School / ESA+ Reimbursement Schools

ESA+ Funds *straight to ClassWallet*

Home School

- Funds deposited to Wallet account at the beginning of each semester.
- Make purchases and pay providers throughout the school year.

ESA+ Reimbursement School

- Funds deposited to Wallet account at the beginning of each semester.
- Submit tuition receipts at the end of each semester (*~December and ~May*)

Unspent Wallet funds from fall remain for spring.

Using ClassWallet

ESA+ website 

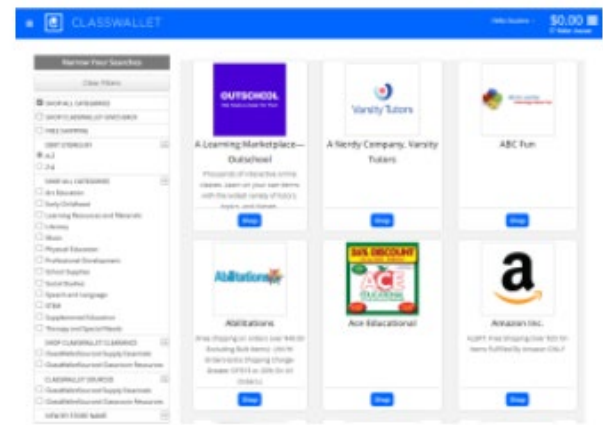
Need more help with the ClassWallet payment process?

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/payment-process/>

How to Purchase Products on ClassWallet

How to Pay a Service Provider in ClassWallet

The ClassWallet Platform



How to pay for curricula purchased through providers listed on the ESA+ Provider Search Site

IMPORTANT ESA+ REMINDERS

Parents should check MyPortal **once a week**:

- Are there items on the To Do list?
- Look at Notifications. Maybe you've missed an email!

ESA+ students need updated documentation of a disability **every 3 years** (*3 years from the evaluation date on file*).

HOWEVER: Parents, you will renew **annually** so that the ESA+ staff know you want your student to continue next year.

ESA+ is **not a reimbursement** program.

- Very few exceptions (mainly the ESA+ Reimbursement Schools)
- Do not purchase items or pay for services with the intent to submit a receipt.

Public School? If a student will be in the public school, full-time, in their assigned district, then they are **not eligible for ESA+**.

- ESA+ is not available to students who are enrolled in their regular public school (including charter schools).

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Summer Training for ESA+ Families

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/esa-family-trainings/>

Enrollment Options, Updating the Area of Disability, ESA+ Reimbursement Schools, Purchasing Curriculum, Planning for Summer Expenses, Continuing Eligibility, and more ...

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