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/](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](mailto: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

**SCHOOL**

1. **FALL**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

2. **SPRING**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

**PARENT**

1. **FALL**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

2. **SPRING**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.
Endorsement: an electronic MyPortal task

- 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
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

Need more help with the ClassWallet payment process?

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

The ClassWallet Platform
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).
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 ...

Register to attend live sessions or view recordings at your convenience.

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