

K12 Nonpublic Schools: ESA+

and Supplemental Services



Helpful Hints for Zoom

Zoom has closed captioning available

Asking Questions

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

Answering Questions

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

*Slides will be posted at <https://k12.ncseaa.edu/school-admins/resources/> and a **recording** of this session will be posted there within a week.*

A photograph of two students, a young man and a young woman, sitting at a wooden table. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The table has several papers, folders, and a green folder on it. A window is visible in the background.

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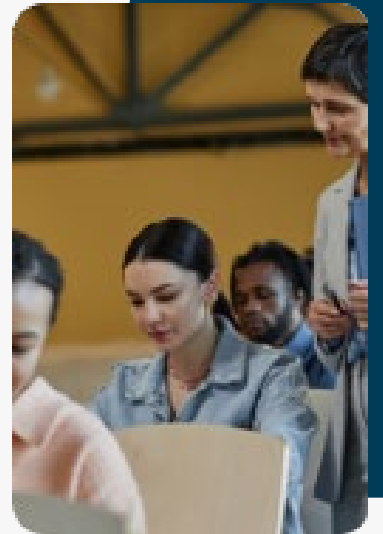
ESA+ Overview

from the parent's perspective



Two K12 Scholarship Programs

- The Education Student Accounts (ESA+) is a program for students with disabilities to attend a nonpublic school (home schools **are** eligible)
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- The Opportunity Scholarship is an income-based program for students to attend a nonpublic school (funds for home school expenses **are not** allowable)



Program Differences: School Choice Options

Opportunity Scholarship

The school choice must be a **Direct Payment School**



ESA+

The school choice can be:

- a **Direct Payment School**
- an ESA+ Reimbursement School, or
- a Home School

Part-time Enrollment

Students who co-enroll in ... will receive...



- Two private schools: regular award Opportunity / ESA+
- Private school and public school: regular award Opportunity, and 50% of the award for ESA+
- Private school and home school: regular award Opportunity / ESA+

*Home School option is available for the ESA+ Program.
Home school expenses are not funded by the Opportunity Scholarship Program.*



Parent Steps



Every Year

All parents must sign and submit a **Parent Agreement**, a **W9**, and a **Release** of public school services.

Continuing Eligibility every three years

The re-evaluation can be done at no charge by the public school, or by a psychologist or psychiatrist.

The nonpublic school cannot do the re-evaluation.

ESA+ Overview

Award Amounts



The main award level is **\$9,000 per year.**

Students who meet the main eligibility criteria and have one of the identified areas of disability designated on the IEP Eligibility Determination may be eligible for \$17,000.





Areas of Disability

that may qualify for the higher award amount

- Autism
- Hearing Impairment, Deafness, Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disability, Moderate or Severe
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Visual Impairment

PENDING AWARDS REPORT

Program	Name	PID	Award Tier	Eligible For Higher Award Amount
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Dual Recipients

Opportunity Scholarship

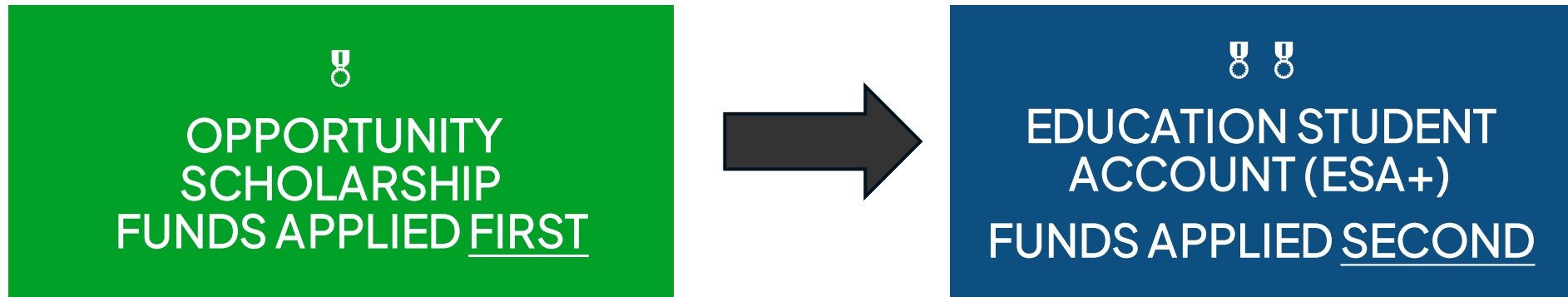
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ESA+



Students with BOTH Scholarships

Awards are calculated per program. Funds disburse according to each scholarship's award amount.





Payment Processing

(DIRECT DISBURSEMENT FOR TUITION AND FEES)

1. **Schools** certify costs: once per student per year
2. **Schools** endorse twice per semester (Opportunity and ESA+)
3. **Parents** endorse twice per semester (Opportunity and ESA+)
4. **SEAA** disburses funds directly to schools on behalf of students each semester





Supplemental Services

How Schools Become Providers





Supplemental Services include:

- Tutoring and Teaching Services
- Educational Therapy
- Transportation



How does it work?

NPS	Offers Supplemental Services provided by credentialed staff
NPS	Signs a School Provider Agreement
SEAA	Provides schools agreement for signature
Student	Receives tutoring or therapy from NPS <i>(staff who provide services have credentials as required)</i>
Parent	Pays school for Supplemental Services with the student's ESA+ funds via the ClassWallet platform



Credentials

TUTORS

An active or inactive teaching license from North Carolina or another state

OR

Bachelor's degree

THERAPISTS

A license appropriate for their field



The School Warrants that ...

- Employees providing services directly to the scholarship student **are credentialed** as required
- Employees providing services **are not a member of the student's immediate family**
- **Neither the employees nor the school will refund** scholarship funds directly to a parent or student





FAQ

I heard there was a service fee in ClassWallet.

The ESA+ debit account structure includes a 2.5% transaction fee, similar to the fees for payments made by any credit card.

Our school has never used ClassWallet.

After signing the Agreement, SEAA will give you a link to establish yourself as a “vendor” on the ESA+ debit account platform (hosted by ClassWallet). This is the only way parents can pay a provider (including schools providing Supplemental Services) with ESA+ funds.

Supplemental Services

Examples of School Services





Allowable Expenses: *Services*

Tutoring and Teaching Services

- **Core Academic Content:** math, science, English/language arts, social studies, foreign language

Therapies

- **Examples include:** ABA, audiology, occupational therapy



In-School Supplemental Services

Examples:

- 1:1 assistance / pull-out services
- Special education services based on individual needs



NOTE:

If your school offers a special education track, the costs are reported as tuition and fees. These are *not* Supplemental Services.

Supplemental Services are *individualized* services for which parents are *billed separately*.



After School Services

Example:

Tutoring or Therapies that are offered outside the regular school day

Do you have individual teachers who are tutoring ESA+ students, and billing parents themselves?

Those tutors should enroll themselves individually as providers for ESA+.

If your school is billing the parent for these additional services, then your school should review and sign the School Provider Agreement.

Summer Learning Experiences

Does your school offer summer services that are therapeutic and/or academic? Are the staff directly providing the service credentialed?



Summer learning experiences are a type of Supplemental Services. ESA+ families can use their scholarship funds to pay for these services.

SEAA Resources

School & Provider Support Team

Work with the same team that assists you with your Direct Payment needs

NPS@ncseaa.edu

(919) 695-8742 (schools only)

ESA+ Team

Can assist you with unique ESA+ expense questions, also provides customer service to parents

ESA@ncseaa.edu (for school questions, email is best)

(855) 330-3955 (for parents)

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