

PARENT GUIDE





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ARKANSAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT (EFA) OVERVIEW

What is the Arkansas EFA program?

The Arkansas Education Freedom Account (EFA) program is a school choice initiative designed to provide families with greater control over their children's education by offering state-funded accounts for private schooling, homeschooling, and other educational expenses.

Why would I apply for Arkansas' EFA program?

The program aims to empower parents to choose the best educational setting for their children, whether through private institutions, homeschooling, or other approved educational providers.

What will my scholarship funds cover?

The Education Freedom Account program allows eligible families to receive state funds to cover various educational costs, including private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, tutoring services, educational supplies, and extra-curricular activities. Click here for a full list of eligible expenses that can be covered by EFA funds.

How much scholarship money will I receive to use towards my child's education?

Most students can expect to receive an annual total of \$6,864 (\$1,716 per quarter) in EFA funds for the 2025-2026 school year. Students who previously maintained a scholarship under Arkansas' "Succeed Scholarship Program" can expect to receive \$7,627 (\$1,906.75 per quarter) in EFA funds for the 2025-2026 school year.

*Scholarship funds are split into four payments and deposited into a student's EFA account on a quarterly basis.

Does my child qualify to receive scholarship funding through Arkansas' EFA program?

To qualify for Arkansas' Education Freedom Account program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Must reside within the state of Arkansas
- Must be eligible to attend a K-12 school in the state of Arkansas, and not have already graduated from high school
- Must be under the age of 21

How and where can I apply for Arkansas' EFA program?

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will open on March 3rd and can be submitted through the ClassWallet platform. Please click <u>here</u> to set up your ClassWallet account and apply on behalf of your student(s).

EFA APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

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Apply to Arkansas' EFA Program

Set up your ClassWallet account and apply on behalf of your student(s) by clicking here. The Arkansas Department of Education will also ask you to submit the following documents with your students' application via your ClassWallet account.

Required Documents

Proof of Student's Age

(Acceptable documentation listed below)

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Medicaid card
- Shot record
- Report card
- Other official document from your school

Proof of Arkansas Residence (Acceptable documentation listed below)

- Arkansas driver's license
- Voter registration card
- Tax statement
- Recent utility bill
- Mortgage statement
- Lease agreement
- Other government document verifying an Arkansas address



Accept the Parent Agreement & Acknowledgement

- Once you have setup your ClassWallet account and completed the EFA program application, you will receive an alert within your ClassWallet account to accept the terms of the "Parent Agreement & Acknowledgement".
- Once you've accepted the terms of the "Parent Agreement & Acknowledgement", your student's first quarterly deposit will show in your ClassWallet account within 24 hours.
- After the first deposit hits your ClassWallet account, you will then receive another deposit of funds every quarter.

*Click <u>here</u> for step-by-step instructions on how to setup your ClassWallet account, accept the Parent Agreement & Acknowledgement, and how to use funds from your ClassWallet account to pay for school tuition and other eligible expenses.



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Enroll Your Student in a Private School or Home School Program of Choice

You are now ready to enroll your student in a private school or home school program of choice!





K12 PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROCESS AND TIMELINE

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Identify K12 Private School of Choice

Find the K12 private school that's best suited to your student's needs. Check out the featured school below or view a list of K12's Arkansas EFA eligible private schools by <u>clicking here.</u>

Explore K12 Private Academy

Private Academy

- NCAA- Accredited curriculum
- Focus on college and careerreadiness
- Diverse global student community fostering cultural exchange.

View all K12 EFA Scholarship eligible private schools here!

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Submit School Application

Once you and your student have determined which K12 Arkansas EFA eligible private school is best, provide your information and complete your student's enrollment application.

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Consult with our enrollment team

When your student's application is complete, you will be contacted by our enrollment team to answer questions and guide you through the EFA process.



Complete School Tuition Payment

After the required enrollment documents have been uploaded, the final step will be to pay tuition. You can pay tuition at your K12 private school or home school program of choice via your ClassWallet account.

ClassWallet Direct Payment

Request a school tuition quote from K12's enrollment team and upload the tuition quote to your ClassWallet account to have the tuition transferred directly to the school.

<u>Click here</u> for step-by-step directions on making a ClassWallet direct tuition payment.





Your student is now officially enrolled in their K12 private school of choice!

You will receive a parent and student onboarding call a week before school starts. This call is meant to ensure that you and your student are fully prepared for a successful start in their new school.

ARKANSAS EFA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RESOURCES



QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions about the Arkansas Education Freedom Account program or how to utilize Arkansas EFA funds to pay tuition at a K12 eligible private school or program?





Arkansas EFA Scholarship Programs Parent Resource Links

- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM MAIN WEBSITE
- CLASSWALLET SETUP AND MAKING SCHOOL TUITION PAYMENTS OVERVIEW

