

Understanding the Children with Disabilities Scholarship Grant

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

This program allows families to be reimbursed up to \$8,000 (\$4,000 per semester) for approved educational expenses for their child with special needs. Often these expenses include private school tuition, tutoring, and other therapeutic services. The amount is determined by qualifying expenses, not a family's income level. For families who choose to send their child to a private school, they may apply the tuition payment directly to the school in lieu of it being a reimbursable expense if the school is a participating school.

Applications for the 2017-18 school year will be available on May 1, 2018 at the State Education Assistance Authority's website (ncseaa.edu). Parents will be notified by July 1, pending funding.



To qualify, a student must:

Be a child with a disability (Families must provide the Eligibility Determination Form, or DEC-3, from a North Carolina public school system.)

Receive special education at least 75 days of the semester for reimbursement of related services, special education, or technology

Be enrolled in an approved eligible school or home school

Be enrolled for at least 75 days for the semester for which the parent seeks reimbursement for tuition

Be at least 5 by August 31st, but younger than 22

In addition to the left, the student must:

Have been previously approved to receive the grant

OR

Have been enrolled in a North Carolina public school for the previous semester or Department of Defense school in North Carolina

OR

Have a parent on full time active duty status in the military

OR

Be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade in a North Carolina public school

OR

Have lived in North Carolina for at least six months

The student is ineligible if:

They do not provide a DEC-3 form

They have received a high school diploma

They have been placed in a nonpublic school at public expense

They receive public school services while using the grant

They have spent any time enrolled as a full-time student taking at least 12 hours of academic credit in a postsecondary educational institution

