

Parents,

The Educational Savings Account Applications are now open. Please see below for instructions for first-time applicants and returning applicants. Please register your child or children as soon as possible for the 2025-2026 school year.

Education Savings Account Applications open April 16!

Starting with the 2025-26 school year and beyond, all Iowa resident K-12 students are eligible for the Students First ESA program, regardless of household income.

Application Details

- The Students First ESA Application is available in both English and Spanish.
- The application window for the 2025-26 school year opens on April 16, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., and closes on June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
- [Apply Now!](#)

First-Time Applicants

- Parents/guardians must sign up using an email and password.
- A confirmation email from Odyssey will be sent—follow the instructions to verify your email.
- Once verified, log in to the ESA portal to complete the application.

Returning Applicants

Parents/guardians with an existing ESA portal account can simply log in and submit their application for the 2025-26 school year.

Funding & Benefits

Families enrolling eligible children in an accredited Iowa nonpublic school will receive funding equal to the per-pupil allocation provided to public school districts for the same year. For the 2025-26 school year, we assume the amount will be \$7,988 but are waiting for it to be reflected on the DOE website. Funds are deposited into an Education Savings Account (ESA) and can be used for tuition, fees, and other approved education expenses.

Iowa DOE ESA Website: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/education-savings-accounts>

For technical assistance, Odyssey representatives are available at 515-368-9564 or via email at help.ia@withodyssey.com

Please feel free to reach out to us here at NCA if needed.

Thank you all,
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