

Family & Student Application Questions

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Once you apply for the South Carolina's Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program (ESTF). Within 14 business days, you will receive an email notification regarding your student's eligibility determination. For additional information, visit the program website here: <https://www.classwallet.com/programs/southcarolinaestf/>. If you have questions, please



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2024—2025 Educational Scholarship Trust Fund

SC Legislature approved and Governor McMaster signed into law the first ever state scholarship/voucher program to offset tuition costs for primary and secondary students in our state.

2024-2025 school year application process is now open and will close on **March 15, 2024**.

This is a 3-year program awarding “first come—first served” approved applicants \$6000 to be applied to attendance at private schools participating in the program.

OCA has registered as an educational source for parents to select.

ClassWallet is the administrator of awarded funds.

[Classwallet.com/programs/southcarolinaestf](https://classwallet.com/programs/southcarolinaestf)

Program Information

- 1. What is the Education Scholarship Trust Fund?**
The Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) is administered by the South Carolina Department of Education. It allows qualifying South Carolina families with a student in K5-12th grades to apply for a scholarship of \$6,000 per student. The state has contracted with ClassWallet for programmatic support and to manage the distribution of scholarship funds to participating families.
- 2. What can the scholarship be used for?**
 - Independent school tuition and fees
 - Textbooks, curriculum, and educational materials
 - Tutoring
 - Educational therapies for students with disabilities
 - Online classes and courses
 - Contracted Services from a public school district
 - Individual classes
 - After school tutoring
 - Extracurricular activity fees or costs
 - Certain transportation expenses
- 3. When will ESTF approved students receive funding?** The funds are deposited quarterly in student's CallWallet account beginning in July 2024. The resource/school designate submits quarterly invoices to ClassWallet for disbursement.



Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program

Key Dates

- Application Period: January 15, 2024 - March 15, 2024
- Scholarship Funds Available: July 2024

Get Started Today - Spots are Limited!

Eligibility

To qualify for the 2024-2025 school year, the student must:

- Be a resident of South Carolina
- Have attended a South Carolina public school during the 2023-2024 school year OR will be turning five on or before September 1, 2024, AND
- Have a household income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family/Household	Federal Poverty Guideline	200% of Federal Poverty Guideline
1	\$14,580	\$29,160
2	\$19,720	\$39,440
3	\$24,860	\$49,720
4	\$30,000	\$60,000
5	\$35,140	\$70,280
6	\$40,280	\$80,560
7	\$45,420	\$90,840
8	\$50,560	\$101,120

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.

The ESTF program has been approved for an initial 3 year period Eligibility will change each year.
 2025-2026—10,000 scholarships will be available and household income levels goes up to 300% of Federal Poverty Levels.
 2026-2027— 15,000 scholarships will be available and household income levels goes up to 400% of Federal Poverty Levels.

These guidelines may be adjusted annually.



2024– 2025: Only 5000 Scholarships Available

In these first years of this program there are some specific eligibility requirements. Students have to had attended public school in the previous academic year of transferred from public school in the current year. This is not a requirement for K5 students.

Getting Started

1. Complete online application and receive email status updates. You will need:
 - Proof of Guardianship (Tax Return w/dependents listed, Birth Certificate, etc.)
 - Proof of Income (2022 or 2023 tax return, or other proof if you don't file.)
 - Proof of Residency (Driver License or State ID, utility bill, etc.)
2. Allow up to 14 Dys for application to be reviewed and eligibility approved.

OCA Administration's Impressions

SC Secretary of Education spoke at the SCACS Business meeting January 24, 2024. Mrs. Weaver is very positive about this legislative opportunity. Several key take-aways for the gathered Christian educators.

- The law was drafted such that funds are awarded to the applicants, not directly to the schools or resources.
- The funds are placed in a scholarship account not managed by the state. This removes any oversight, audit, or inspection of schools and resources approved by ClassWallet. This keeps us free to provide the service and curriculum of instruction we implement.
- No state agency or regulatory entity can intrude on our academic instruction.
- OCA has registered with ClassWallet.
- The requirement during this first 3 years that students has to have attended a public school the year prior or transferred from a public school in the current year. This narrows who may be initially eligible. Lawmakers are in favor of removing this restriction in the future.
- We do encourage all current K4 going into K5 and K5 going into 1st Grade in 2024-2025 should apply for the scholarship.
- The SC Supreme Court is hearing a court challenge in early March 2024 regarding the constitutionality of the scholarship program. The more persons approved become a group that adds credence to the desire of the people for this program.