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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 contact ClassWallet at help@classwallet.com



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2025—2026 Educational Scholarship Trust Fund

SC Senate has approved Bill S-62 to improve the state scholarship program to offset tuition costs for primary and secondary students. The bill now goes to the SC House. The current bill removed the requirement of transferring from public schools to private to be eligible to apply for your children.

2025-2026 school year application process is now open and will close on March 15, 2025

[ESTF APPLICATION WEBSITE](#)

This is a 3-year program awarding "first come—first served" 2025-2026 approved applicants scholarship amount expected to increase to \$8500 for tuition and fees to attend a private resource school program.

OCA is registered as a "Resource School" for parents to select. ClassWallet is the administrator of awarded funds.

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 \$8,500 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/private 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 2025. The resource/school provides you an invoice to submit quarterly.



Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program

Key Dates

- **Application Period: January 15, 2025 - March 15, 2025**
- **Scholarship Funds Available: July 2025**

Get Started Today - as of February 1, 4000 applications have been received. Spots are Limited!

Eligibility

To qualify for the 2025-2026 school year, the student must:

- Be a resident of South Carolina
- Have attended a South Carolina public school during the 2024-2025 school year **[This provision expected to be dropped for 2025-2026 applicants]**
- Child will be turning five on or before September 1, 2025
- Have a household income that does not exceed 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family/	2024 Federal Poverty Guide-	300% of Federal Poverty
1	\$ 15,060.00	\$ 45,180.00
2	\$ 20,440.00	\$ 61,320.00
3	\$ 25,820.00	\$ 77,460.00
4	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 93,600.00
5	\$ 36,580.00	\$ 109,740.00
6	\$ 41,960.00	\$ 125,880.00
7	\$ 47,340.00	\$ 142,020.00
8	\$ 52,720.00	\$ 158,160.00
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$16,140 for each additional person.		

The ESTF program enacted in 2024 was 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.



2025- 2026: 10,000 Scholarships Are Available

We encourage you to apply for each of your children in K5-12 Grades. K4 is considered DayCare and not under the administration of the SC Department of Education.

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 (2023 or 2024 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

The Education Scholarship Administrator spoke at the SCACS Business meeting January 29, 2025. Indicating that the legislature is addressing the SC State Supreme Court's concerns regarding funding and the House and Senate are poised to pass the revised legislation. This will open the scholarships to all eligible students **removing the 2024 restriction** that only student transferring from public schools were eligible.

- 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 as a participating school resource.
- We do encourage parents of all current K4 students going into K5 and all K5 - 11th Grade students should apply for the 2025-2026 scholarships.
- If you are eligible, bear in mind the enrollment still reflects the old requirement of "transferring from public school". So when you select your child's status in the online application, select "OTHER". This will hold your application in the processing queue. Once the new legislation is signed into law, your application can be processed. The legislative session runs from January until June.
- Also apply to OCA this Spring as normal.