

Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Frequently Asked Questions

What is an ESA?

An Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) allows parents to use state education funds for their child's education outside of the traditional public school system, including private school tuition, homeschooling, and other educational expenses.

Who is Eligible?

Every K-12 student in Arizona is eligible to participate in the state's ESA program, regardless of family income, where the student lives within the state, or the student's past academic performance.

In Arizona, ESA funds can be used to pay for speech therapy for students with disabilities. ESA funds can also be used for other educational therapies, such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, and music therapy.

How to Apply?

Applications are accepted year-round through the Arizona Department of Education website or by contacting the ESA Call Center at 602-364-1969.

Approved Expenses

Funds can be used for private school tuition, tutoring, educational supplies, extracurricular activities, online learning, therapies, and assistive technology for students with disabilities.

Accountability

Parents must keep receipts and submit expense reports to ensure funds are used appropriately. The ESA program is held to high standards of accountability, with required reporting to multiple government agencies.

Using ClassWallet

ClassWallet is the financial management platform for the ESA program. Parents can make tuition payments, purchase educational items, and pay for other education-related expenses directly through the ClassWallet Marketplace. If your child's school or service provider is registered in ClassWallet, you can make payments and upload invoices through the portal. For vendors not registered, there is a reimbursement option available.

For more information, visit the Arizona Department of Education ESA page www.azed.gov/esa or contact the ESA Call Center.

