



# What is the MOScholars program?

In 2021, the Missouri Legislature created the MOScholars ESA Program in Missouri. The program provides eligible families with scholarships that can provide up to \$6,375 in funding for K-12 education expenses including tuition to qualifying private schools.

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## Who qualifies for a MOScholars scholarship?

To qualify for a MOScholars scholarship, students/families must meet several qualifications:

• **Where a student lives** - Students must live in a county with a charter form of government or in a city with a population of over 30,000. This includes St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jackson County, Clay County, and Jefferson County.

- AND -

• **Whether or not they have an IEP** - Students living in one of the qualified areas with an IEP automatically qualify for a scholarship.

- OR -

• **Household income** - Families with a household income up to 200 percent of the Free and Reduced Lunch Rate can qualify if they have also attended a public school for at least a semester during the year prior to applying for a scholarship or are entering Kindergarten or First Grade.

## What can you pay for with MOScholars scholarships?



MOScholars scholarships can be used to pay for tuition at private schools, public charter schools, virtual classes,

and even for your children to attend a public school outside of your home district.

MOScholars scholarships can also be used to cover the expenses of:

- Textbooks required by a school or for textbooks used for homeschooling
- Educational therapies for students with special needs
- Tutoring expenses
- Transportation costs for getting your child to and from school
- The cost of computers and other needed educational technology



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# How to apply

The MOScholars program is new this year and still developing, as a result, the money for the MOScholars awards is still being raised by Education Assistance Organizations (EAO) so final scholarship awards may not be immediately available.

Download a complete parent handbook from <https://treasurer.mo.gov/pdfnew/Parenthandbook.pdf>

## Contact your child's school to see if they participate



The first step is to pick a school that will meet the needs of your child. Once you have chosen a school you need to ask the school if they have already been approved by one of the Education Assistance Organizations (EAOs) providing MOScholars scholarships. Many schools have already been approved, but if the school you have picked has not then you can ask them to reach out to one of the EAOs listed at <https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/EAOs> and start the approval process.

## Connect with an EAO to confirm your eligibility



Once your child's school has indicated the EAO with which they are affiliated, go to the EAO's website and complete their pre-qualification process.

## Complete the application



If you meet the initial qualifications, the EAO will send you a link to the full application. You will need your child's Social Security number, Individualized Education Plan Documentation (if applicable), Financial Documentation/ Proof of Income (if applicable) which may include parent tax forms, proof of attendance at a public school (if applicable), and proof of residency.



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