Creating Hope and Opportunity for Our Students' Education (CHOOSE) Act of 2024

What is the CHOOSE ACT?

The Choose Act makes refundable income tax credits called education savings accounts (ESAs) available to support every K-12 student in AL.

This program will be established and implemented by the Alabama Department of Revenue, who will create the framework and funding process for the ESAs.

Eligible families may use ESA funds to cover tuition, fees, and other qualified expenses at approved education service providers.

What funding is AVAILABLE?

Beginning the 2025-2026 academic year, ESAs will be available in the following amounts:

- Up to $7,000 per participating student enrolled in a participating school
- Up to $2,000 per participating student not enrolled in a participating school (students in individual or group homeschool programs or co-ops, non-participating schools, or similar programs); capped at $4,000 per family

What are NEXT STEPS?

1. Rule creation & vendor selection
2. Rules published for public comments
3. Enrollment opens
4. Program implementation

3-Year Implementation

Year 1
2025-2026

- The first 500 ESAs awarded for participating students* with special-needs
- Participating students* who are dependents of active-duty service members enrolled in or assigned to a priority school
- Remaining awarded for participating students* whose family have an adjusted gross income not exceeding 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the preceding tax year

Year 2
2026-2027

- The first 500 ESAs awarded for participating students* with special-needs
- Participating students* previously awarded in the prior academic year
- Participating students* who are dependents of active-duty service members enrolled in or assigned to a priority school
- Remaining awarded for participating students* whose family have an adjusted gross income not exceeding 300 percent of the federal poverty level for the preceding tax year

Year 3+
2027-2028

- The first 500 ESAs awarded for participating students* with special-needs
- Participating students* previously awarded in the prior academic year
- Participating students* who are dependents of active-duty service members enrolled in or assigned to a priority school
- Remaining credit awarded for participating students* regardless of adjusted gross income

* Priority goes first to participating students and siblings of participating students

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