

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia provides students with special needs financial assistance to attend the public or private school that best serves their needs.

Special needs students have the option to attend any public school in their district, public schools outside their district, or private schools.

The special needs scholarship program provides funds to attend any public school in their district or a private school (up to the amount the student would have received for an in-district public school).

Who is eligible?

Any student who has received special education services through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan at a Georgia public school.

Students must have attended an in-state public school for at least one year. There are waivers available for military dependents, students adopted or placed in permanent guardianship from foster care, or students with a medical or behavioral need.

Special needs scholarships are available to students statewide and there is no income limit, but preschool and homeschooled students are not eligible.



How much is each scholarship?

The amount of a student's scholarship is determined by whichever is less between the tuition and fees of a desired private school or the amount of public school funding the student would have received by attending an in-district public school.

What schools can students attend?

As long as the schools have available space, students may attend a public school within their district, a public school outside their district, a private school authorized to participate in the program, or one of the three state schools for the blind or deaf.

Students may not use special needs scholarships to attend charter schools or for tuition costs that an out-of-district public school charges. Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to school if there is no existing bus transportation available.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications and related resources are available through the Georgia Department of Education: Visit <https://gadoe.org/parent-family-resources/georgia-special-needs-scholarship/> or scan this code:

