

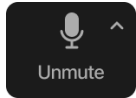


School Choice Program for Students with Certain Exceptionalities 2025 - 2026 Family Application Webinar

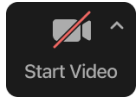


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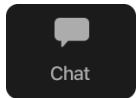
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Application Timeline



2025-2026 Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
SCP Online Application Opens	February 3, 2025
SCP Online Application Closes	March 7, 2025
Deadline for Families to submit all Documentation to Schools	March 14, 2025
SCP Award Notification Letters to Families	April 29, 2025
SCP Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 9, 2025
SCP Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 18, 2025





2025-2026 Application Timeline

2025-2026 School Choice Scholarship application opens on February 3, 2025.

1. Access the [online application](#) on the LDOE website.
 - a. The link will be active **February 3, 2025**.
2. All online applications must be completed by **March 7, 2025**.
3. **New Applicants only:** Submit all eligibility documents **to the first choice school** by **March 14, 2025**.
4. Schools have until **March 21, 2025** to upload a verified demand report to the FTP.
5. 2025-2026 award notifications from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will be sent to families by **April 29, 2025**.

***Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the application being marked incomplete and/or removal of the Scholarship award.**





Application



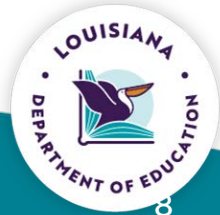
Application

In order to be eligible for an award, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have an exceptionality of autism, intellectual disability, brain injury, development delay, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disability.
- Be evaluated by the local school district and have an IEP or a district-created service plan.

Families will be required to provide copies of the IEP or district-created service plan along with proof of residency to first choice school listed on the application.

Continuing students must reapply in order to maintain their award for the upcoming school year.





Application

All applications must be submitted by **March 7, 2025**.

- **New Applicants only:** Families must submit all eligibility documents to their first choice school by **March 14, 2025**.
- Families will be required to submit copies of the IEP or district-created service plan along with proof of residency during the completion of the application.
- Continuing students **are not required** to provide eligibility documentation.





Application Process



Application Process

Applying for a School Choice Program is a two-step process.

Step 1: Complete the online application using the LDOE website.

Step 2: Submit the student's IEP/district provided services plan and residency verification to the first choice Scholarship school.

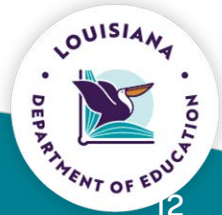




Application Process

The LDOE will attempt to place as many applicants as possible at their preferred school choice.

- Not all applying students are eligible.
- Demand for some schools and/or grades may be greater than the availability.
- State funding determines the final number of awards made.



Submitting Your Application: Eligibility Check

Certain Students with Exceptionalities Student Application

If you encounter any issues while completing this application, please contact the Office of School Choice at studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

Step 1: Eligibility Check

Does the student have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or district provided services plan? *

- Yes
 No

Is the student eligible to attend any Louisiana public school, grades Kindergarten through 12th? *

- Yes
 No

Please indicate which of the following exceptionalities the student has been evaluated by a local school and determined to have: *

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Delay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Disturbance | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Learning Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

Check Eligibility

To begin the application process parents must answer questions to confirm the following:

- The student has a current IEP or district provided service plan
- The student is eligible to attend any Louisiana public school in grades K-12
- Parents must indicate the student's exceptionalities





Submitting Your Application: Eligibility Check

If a student does not meet the eligibility criteria, families will receive the following message:

Sorry, this student is not eligible to participate in this program.

Applicants must have an IEP or district provided service plan, must be eligible to attend any Louisiana public school, and must have at least one of the listed exceptionalities to qualify.




Submitting Your Application: Student Information

Student's Name *

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

Please enter Student's Social Security Number (no dashes) *

Student's Date of Birth *



Date

Student's Gender *

Male

Female

What grade is your child entering for the 2025-2026 School Year? *

Does the student currently participate in the School Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year? *

Yes

No

- Once eligibility has been confirmed, parents will be asked to enter the student's information.
 - This information includes name, date of birth, grade level, previous participation in the SCP program, gender, etc.



Submitting Your Application: School Choices

Do you wish to stay at your current school for the 2025-2026 School year? *

- Yes - Continue at current school
- No - Apply to a new/different school

Please select up to three (3) participating schools below that you would like your student to attend, in order of preference. This rank order will be used to match your student with a school that has seats available. You should only select schools that you are interested in having your child attend. Your child may be assigned to any of the schools selected.**There is no guarantee that you will receive a match.** *

	School
First Choice	<input type="text"/>
Second Choice	<input type="text"/>
Third Choice	<input type="text"/>

- Continuing students will be asked if they would like to remain at their current SCP School.
 - **Note:** *New applicants will not see this question.*
- This page of the application will ask parents to select their requested school for the 2025-2026 school year from a dropdown list of participating schools.
- Families will be able select up to 3 school choices.



Submitting Your Application: Residency

Student's Physical Address (no P.O. Boxes) *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State

Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Full Name *

First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix

Relationship to Student *

Mailing Address *

Street Address

- Families will be asked to provide their physical address.
- This page will collect the parent/guardian information.

Note: Documentation must be in the parent and/or guardian's name and must match the student's address listed on the application.



New Applicants - Required Documentation

New Participants - Required Supporting Documentation

Families applying for **NEW** students must provide the following eligibility documents to your **first choice scholarship school by March 14, 2025**:

1. Copy of student's current Individualized Education Program (IEP) or district-provided service plan
2. One proof of residency documentation. Acceptable documents to verify residency include one of the following:
 - Rental agreement or mortgage statement
 - Landline telephone bill
 - Cable or internet service bill
 - Sewerage or water bill
 - Electricity or gas bill
 - A current property tax notice
 - Official Letter from a Government Agency such as the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH)

Please note: Documentation must be in the parent and/or guardian's name and must match the student's address listed on the application.

Continuing students do NOT need to provide eligibility documentation.

- New applicants to the program will be asked to provide the following:
 - A copy of their IEP or district created service plan.
 - At least one proof of residency document.
 - All documents must be current and should match with the student's address listed on the application.
 - The person listed on this document must be the parent/adult responsible for the student.
- **All documentation must be submitted to your first choice school.**



Submitting Your Application: Additional Student Information

Step 3: Additional Student Information
For Reporting Purposes Only

Does the student have a sibling that currently participates in the School Choice Program? *

Yes
 No

Please enter each sibling's information.

	Sibling First Name	Sibling Last Name	Date of Birth	Please select their current SCP school.
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Is the student a twin or a multiple birth sibling? *

Yes
 No

Race *

American Indian/Alaskan Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 White Asian
 Black/African American

- Families will be asked to enter sibling information for each applicant.
- This section will ask additional information about the student.



Submitting Your Application: Signature Page

Step 4: Submission

I agree that the information I have provided is truthful, and certify that I am the legal guardian of the applying student and am authorized to make application on his or her behalf. *

Sign Here 



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Submit

- At the end of the application, parents will be asked to sign the application.



Submitting Your Application: Confirmation

Thank You!

Your application has been received.

Families applying for NEW students must provide the following eligibility documents to your first choice school by March 14, 2025:

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Please note: Documentation must be in the parent and/or guardian's name and must match the student's address listed on the application.

Continuing Students are not required to provide eligibility documentation.

- Once the application has been submitted, families will receive a Thank You message.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided on the application.
- This message will provide an overview of all the necessary eligibility documentation required for new students.

***Families should contact studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.**

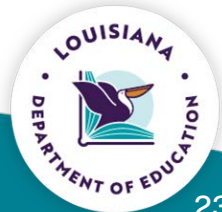




Helpful Links

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- [SCP Application Guide 2025-2026](#)
- [2025-2026 School Choice Program Application](#)
- [SCP Family Participation Guide](#)
- [SCP School Participation Guide](#)
- [School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities webpage](#)





Email questions to
studentscholarships@la.gov.

