

Louisiana Scholarship Program Informational Webinar for Parents

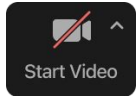


2024-2025

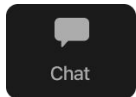
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Agenda

- Eligibility
- Application Timeline
- LSP Site Registration for 2024-2025
 - Award Notifications
 - Transfer Requests
 - Decline Awards
- Important Reminders
- Q & A





Eligibility

Who is Eligible for a Scholarship?

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Louisiana, and
- Have a family household income that does not exceed 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines ([See this table here](#)), and
- Be entering kindergarten for the first time OR currently attending a C, D, or F public school on both October 1 and February 1 of this current year.

**** All new applicants must provide proof of income and residency eligibility in order to complete the Scholarship Application Process ****





Application Timeline

LSP Application Timeline

ACTION ITEMS	DATE
Award Notification Letters and Emails	April 29, 2024
Site Registration Begins (Accept 2024-2025 LSP Award)	April 29, 2024
Parent Webinar for LSP Site Registration @ 10:00 AM	April 30, 2024
Site Registration Ends (Last day to accept LSP Award)	May 24, 2024
Last Day to Decline Awards	May 24, 2024
Transfer window opens	June 10, 2024
Transfer window closes	July 19, 2024





LSP Site Registration for 2024-2025

Award Notifications

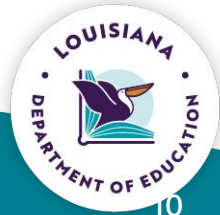
- Families will be notified of awards on **April 29** via email.
- Letters will also be sent to parents via mail.
- If offered an award,
 - Families will need to complete site registration beginning on **April 29**.
 - Site Registration will end on **May 24**.
 - All families must accept their award no later than **May 24**.
- If a family does not complete site registration by **May 24**, they may lose the awarded scholarship.



Site Registration

Parents must complete the following steps as part of the registration process:

- Provide updated income and residency eligibility documentation for each student when registering at the school
- Ensure the address on the documentation provided matches the address listed on the application.
- Complete all registration forms at the award school
 - [Parent waiver for special education services](#)
 - [Parent acknowledgements regarding Scholarship funds](#)
 - [Receipt of rules and regulations form](#)
- Obtain a copy of the school handbook
- Obtain and familiarize yourself with school rules, regulations, policies, and sign an acknowledgement of receipt of these rules.



Transfer Request

If you wish to transfer to another participating school before the start of the 2024-2025 school year, you must:

- **Accept the scholarship at the original awarded school**
- Submit a Transfer Request form to the Department signed by both the parent/guardian and a representative of the receiving school

The transfer window for the 2024-2025 school will be open **June 10 -July 19**.

- **If a student transfers without a completed transfer form and approval from the Department, they may lose their Scholarship.**
- It is the school's responsibility to inform the family when the transfer has been approved.



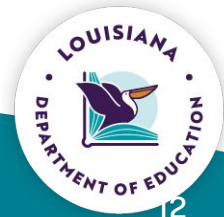
Decline Awards

Once a family declines the award, they will no longer be eligible to receive a scholarship for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

- **This is NOT for families wishing to transfer to another scholarship school for the 2024-2025 school year.**
- **Once the award has been declined, it cannot be reinstated.**

If a family declines an award, they must re-apply in the fall in order to be eligible for any scholarships awarded in upcoming years.

- The family must sign the decline award form at the awarding school.
- By completing the form, you understand that you are willingly choosing to not participate in the LSP program for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Declined awards must be submitted no later than **May 24**.



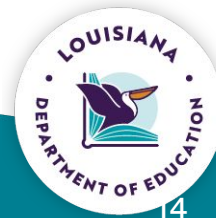


Important Reminders

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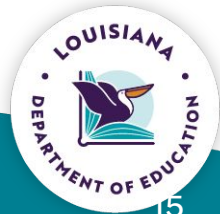
Site Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins on **April 29**.

- Award notifications will go out to families via letter and email on **April 29**.
 - Families must provide updated income and residency eligibility documentation for each student when registering at the school.
 - The address on the documentation provided must match the address listed on the application.
- Families must accept or decline their award no later than **May 24**.
 - If a family does not complete site registration by **May 24**, they may lose the awarded scholarship.
- Site Registration ends on **May 24**.



Reminders

- If you would like to transfer to another scholarship school:
 - The summer transfer window is open from **June 10 -July 19.**
 - You must accept your scholarship at the awarded school before requesting a transfer.
 - Your transfer is not complete until the school receives notification from our office.
 - It is the school's responsibility to inform the family when the transfer has been approved.
- If you wish to decline your award:
 - You must complete the declined award form at the awarding school by **May 24.**
 - **This is NOT for families wishing to transfer to another scholarship school for the 2024-2025 school year.**

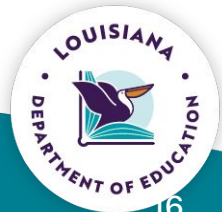


Reminders

Date	Time	Topic	Link
April 30, 2024	10:00 AM	Louisiana Parental Informational Webinar	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/97285741594

What will be discussed:

- Award Notifications
- Accepting a Scholarship Award
- Transferring a Scholarship Award
- Declining a Scholarship Award



Helpful Links

Name	Links
<p><u>Louisiana Scholarship Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information and resources for the Louisiana Scholarship Program	<p><u>https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program</u></p>

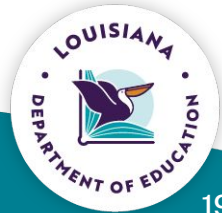


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Topic	Email Support
Louisiana Scholarship Program	<p data-bbox="1164 454 1760 495">studentscholarships@la.gov</p> <p data-bbox="1079 511 1837 598">To ensure a timely response, send one email with your questions.</p>
School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities	



Questions





Thank You For Joining Today's Call!

If you have any additional questions, please
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studentscholarships@la.gov

