March Nonpublic Schools Webinar

March 18, 2026

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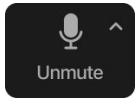

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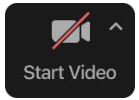

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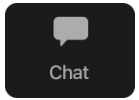

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Agenda

1. Teacher Leader Summit
2. Nonpublic Schools
3. LA GATOR
4. Scholarship Programs
5. School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities
6. Resources

Teacher Leader Summit

Teacher Leader Summit

Please sign up for the Teacher Leader Summit using the this registration link.

Where: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA

When: May 26 - 28, 2026

Task	Action Dates
Regular registration closes	4/12/2026

Nonpublic Schools

Edlink Contact Changes

We are excited to announce that the **EdLink Ops SPS Portal** will replace the Legacy Sponsor Site application. While the new portal maintains a similar layout to Sponsor Site, it introduces streamlined functionality and an enhanced user experience.

As an SPS District Data Analyst, you will now have the ability to edit or request updates directly within the application, eliminating the need to complete Jotform requests for opening or closing schools or making changes to existing sites.

The capability to make these changes will be available on April 1, 2026. Please refer to the User Guide for further assistance.

Key Resource

- EdLink Ops K12 User Guide**:** https://leads13.doe.louisiana.gov/lug/SPS/EdLink%20Ops%20User%20Guide.pdf

LA GATOR

LA GATOR 26-27 School Selections

- The educational setting selection is available in the Odyssey portal.
- Returning families and all approved schools were notified last week.
- New LA GATOR applicants received information this week.

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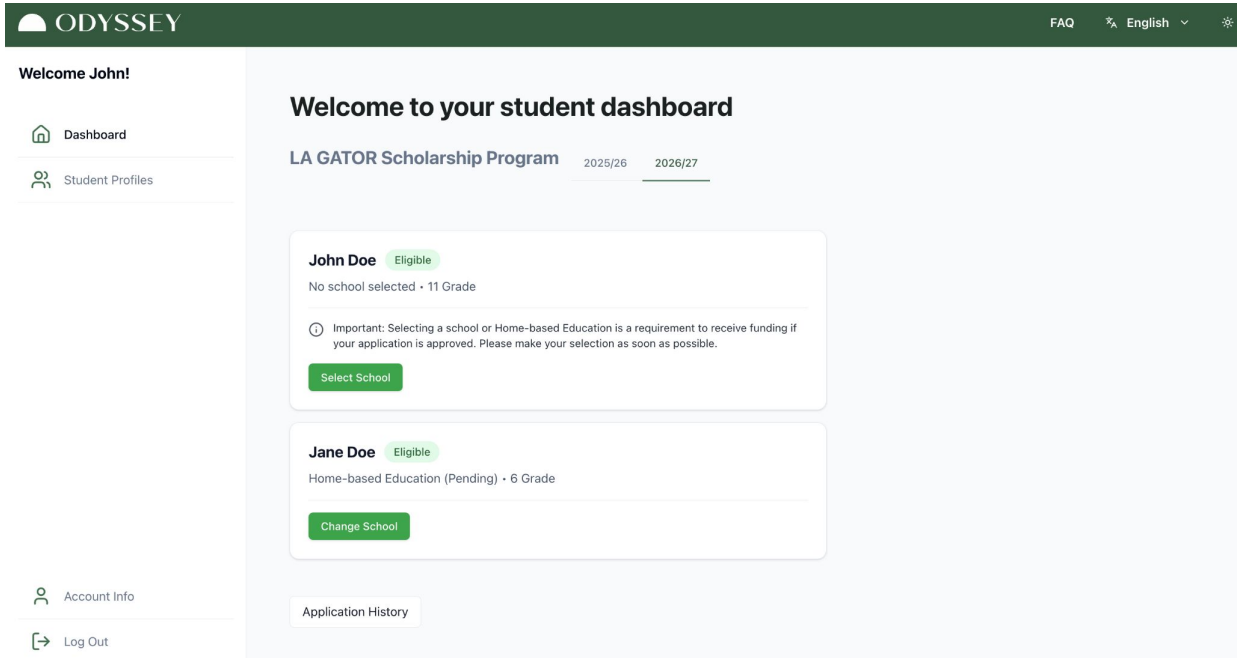

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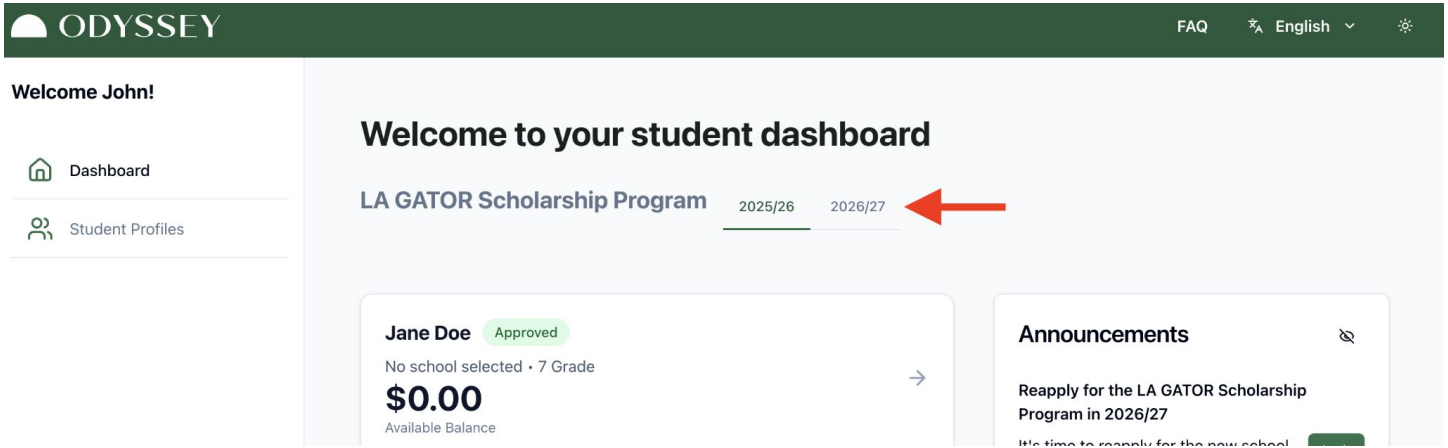

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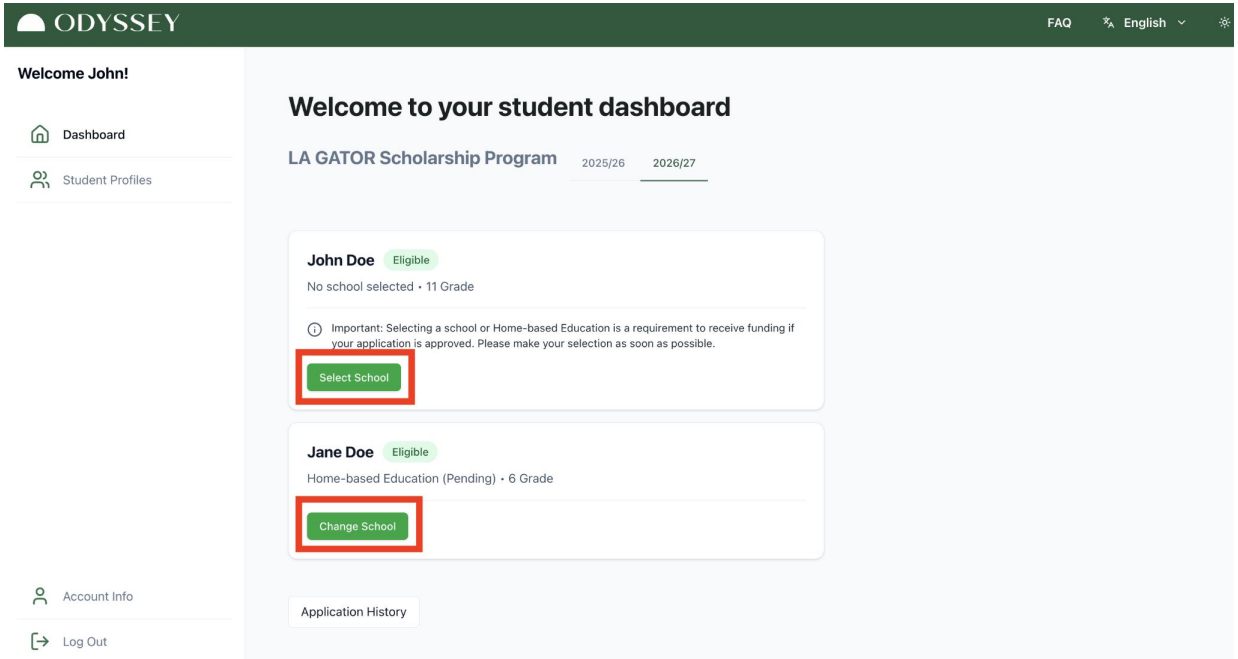

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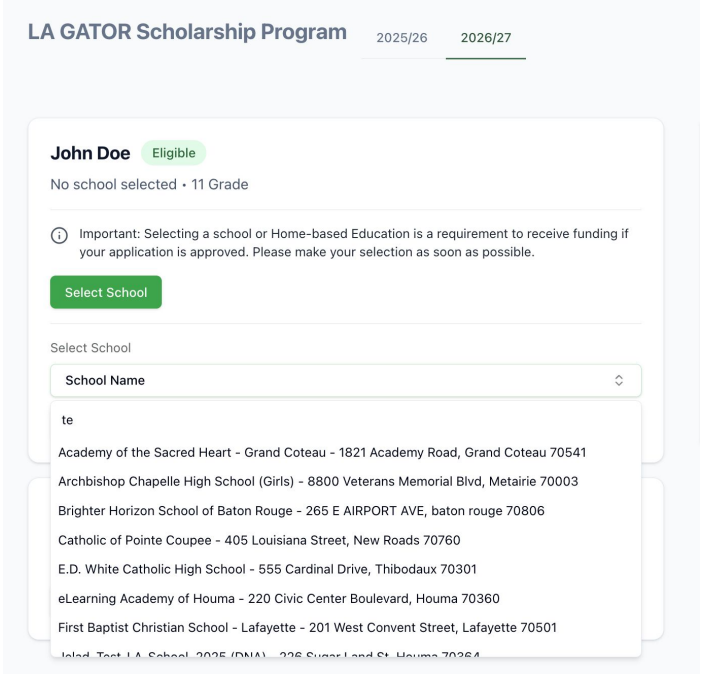

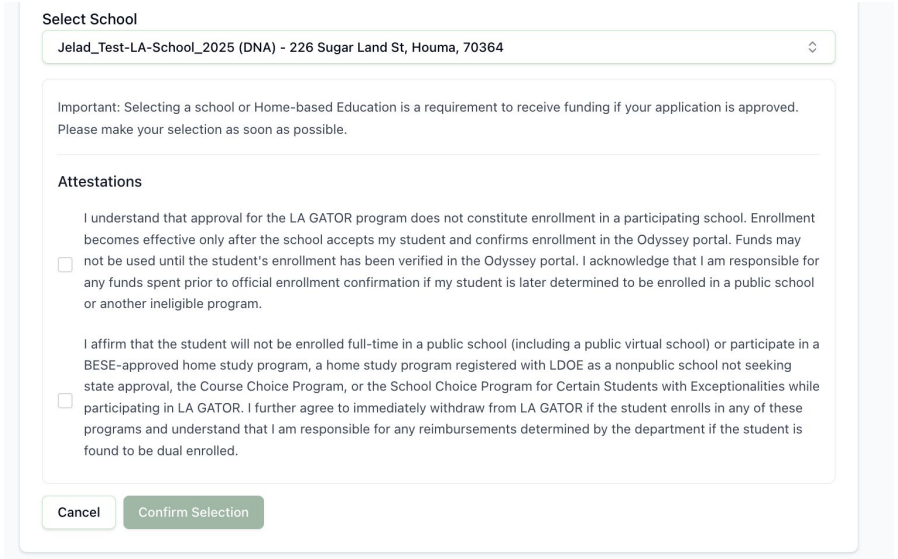

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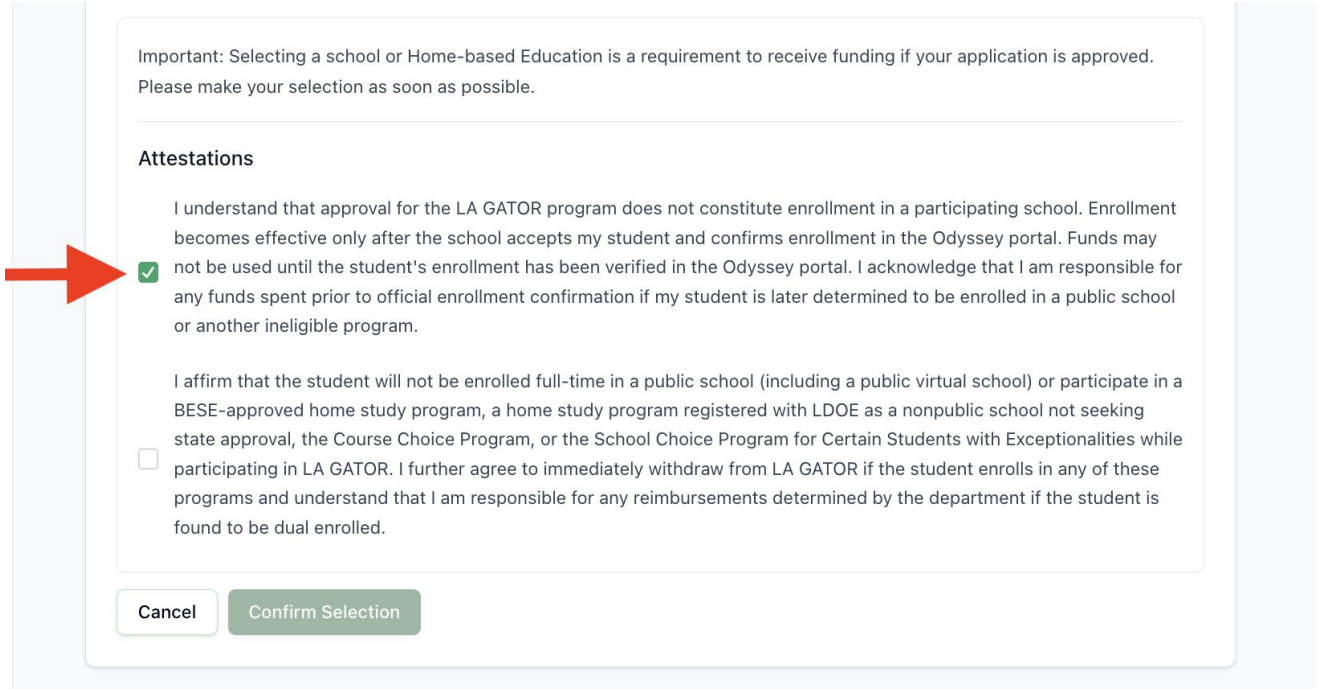

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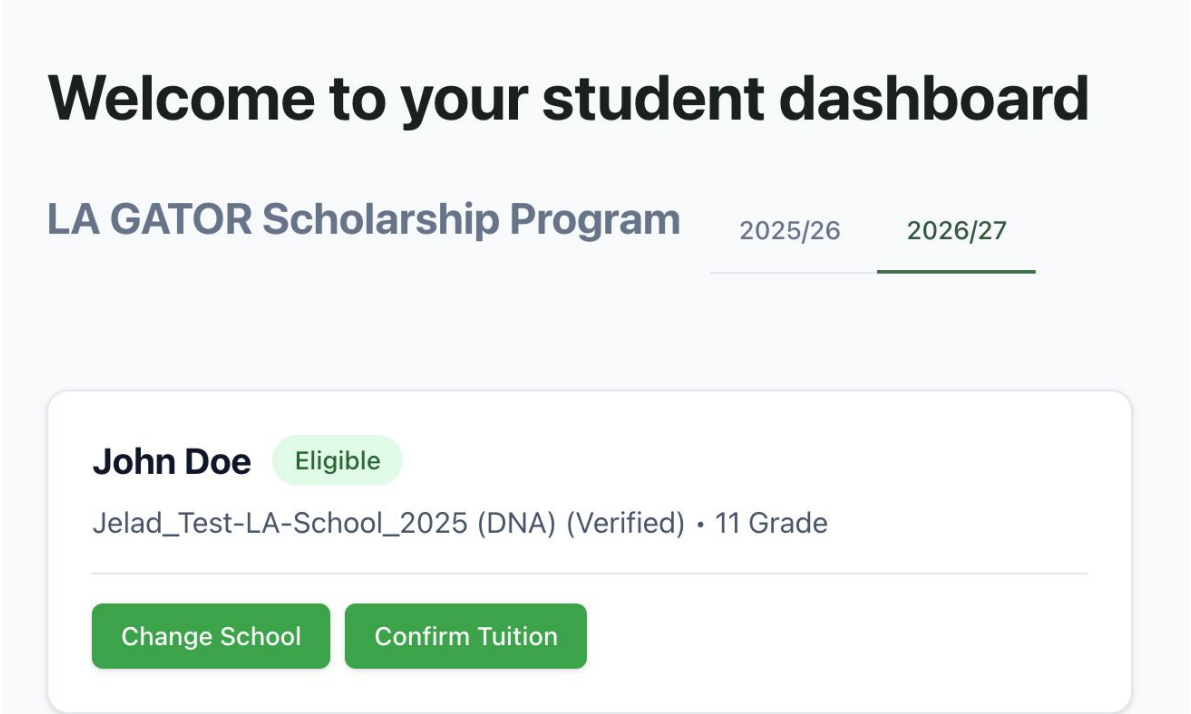

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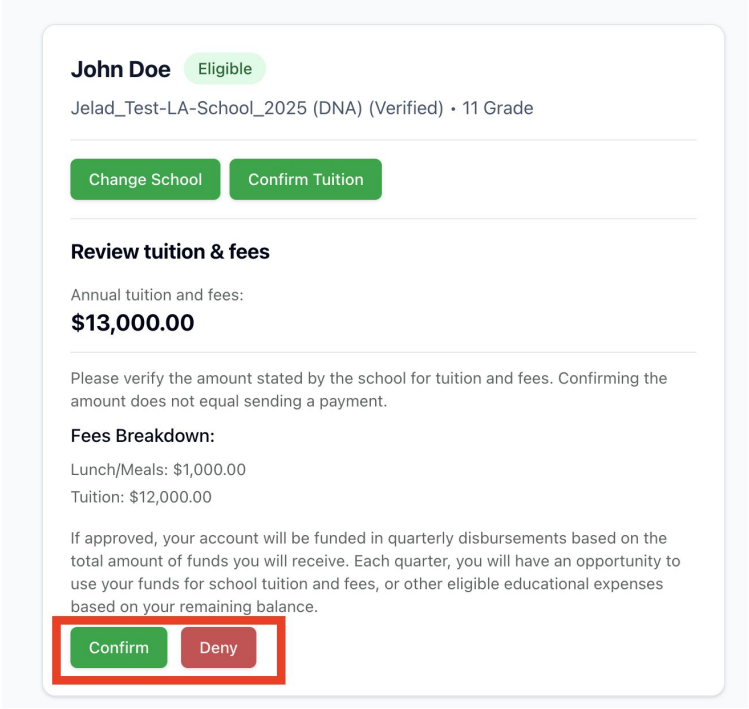

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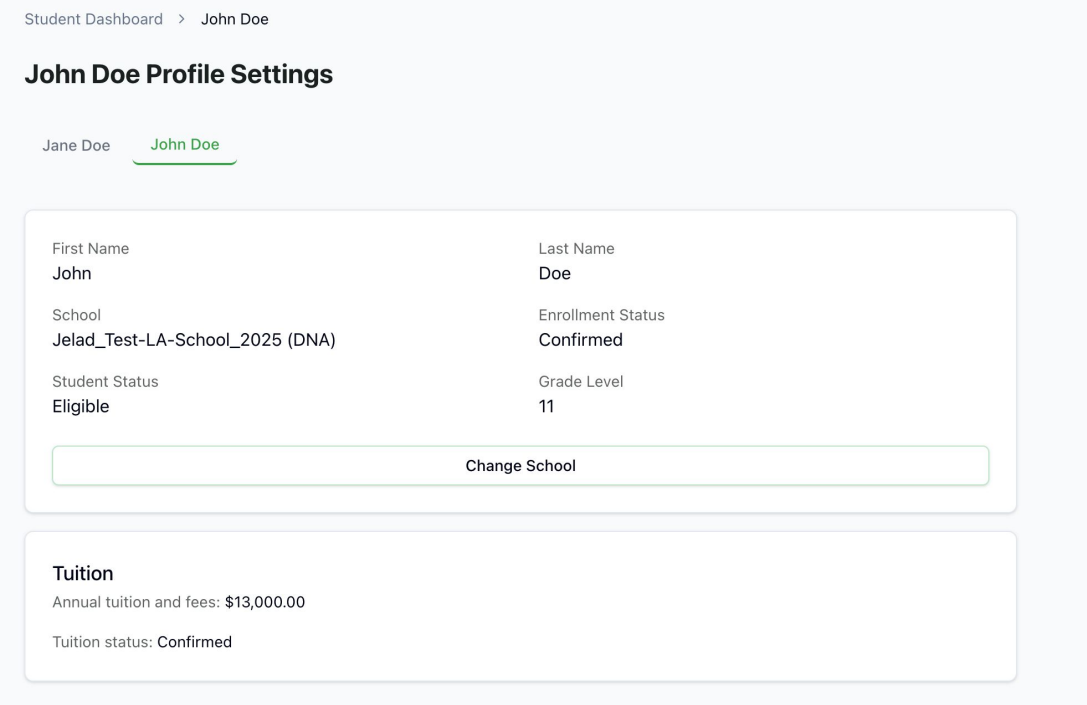

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LA GATOR 26-27 Confirmation of Enrollment

Schools may confirm enrollment requests and set tuition and mandatory fees.

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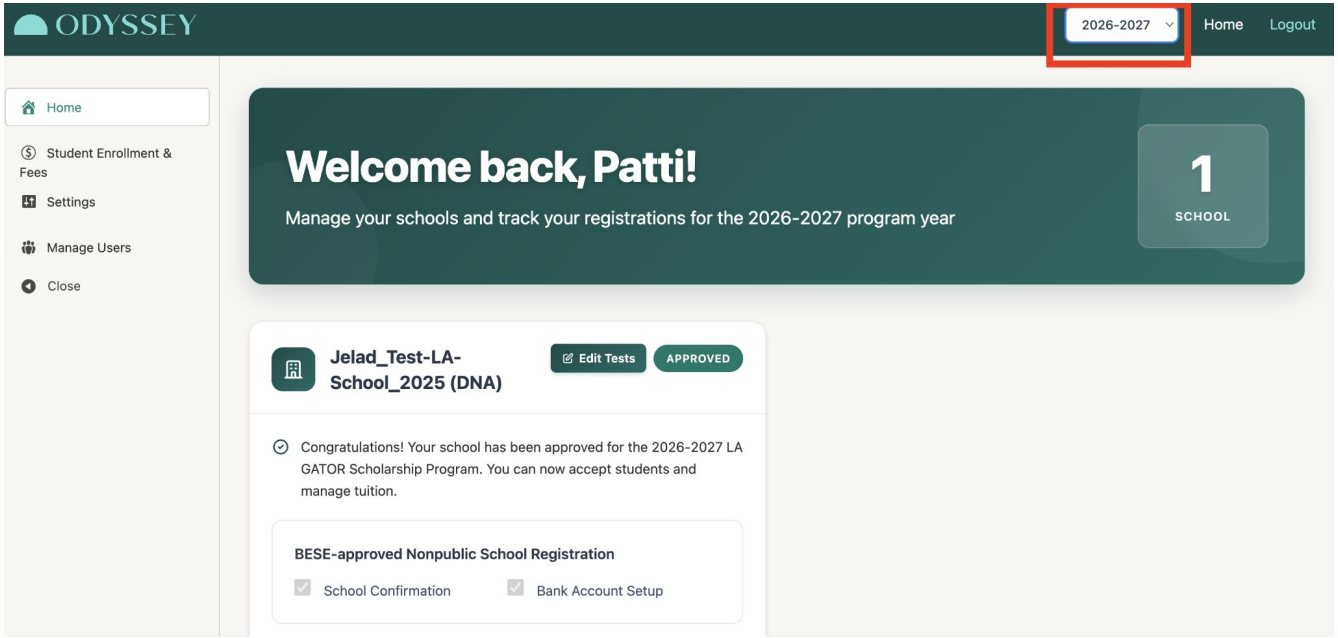

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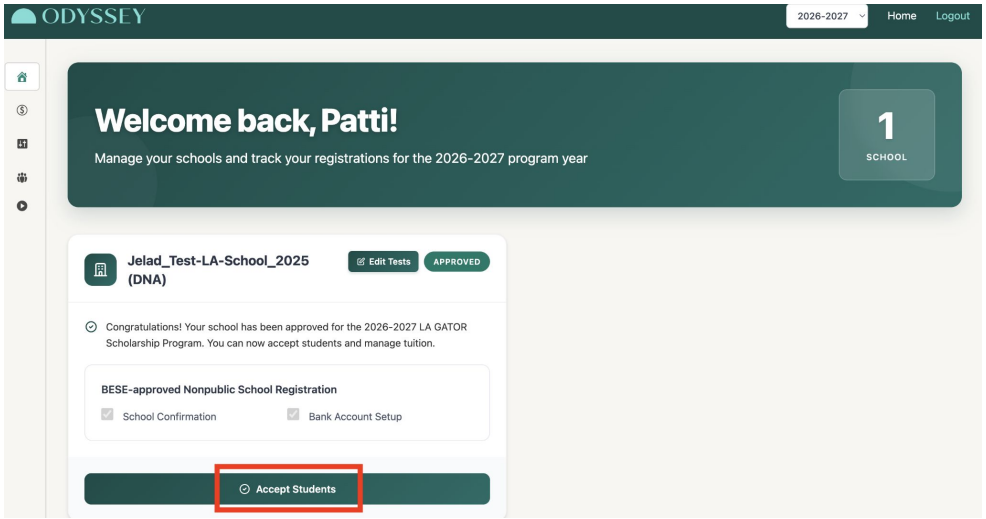

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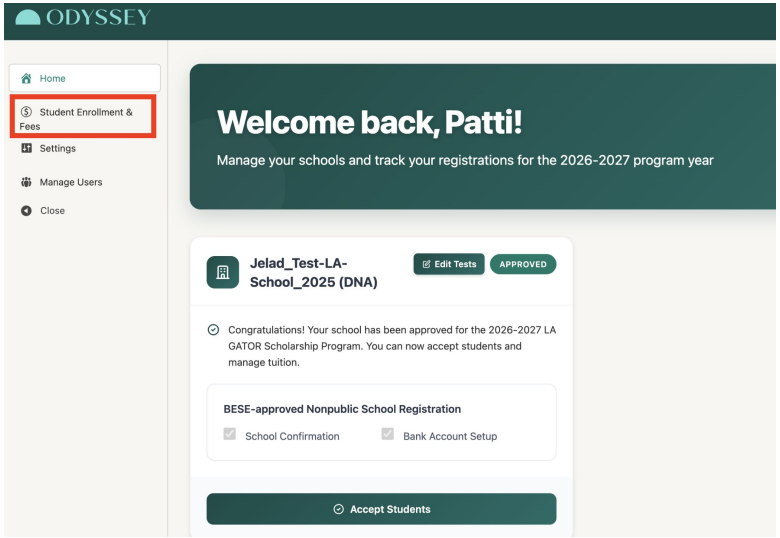

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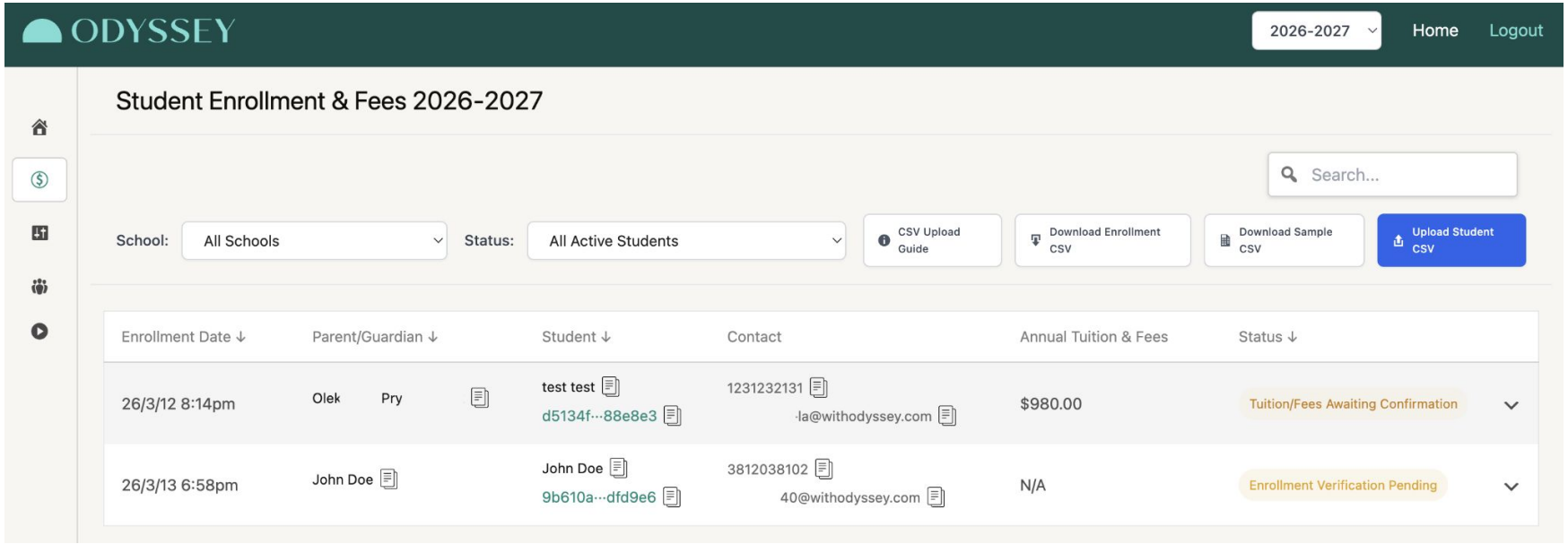

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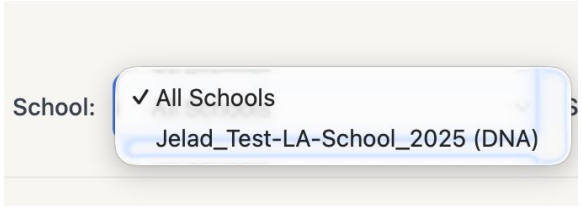

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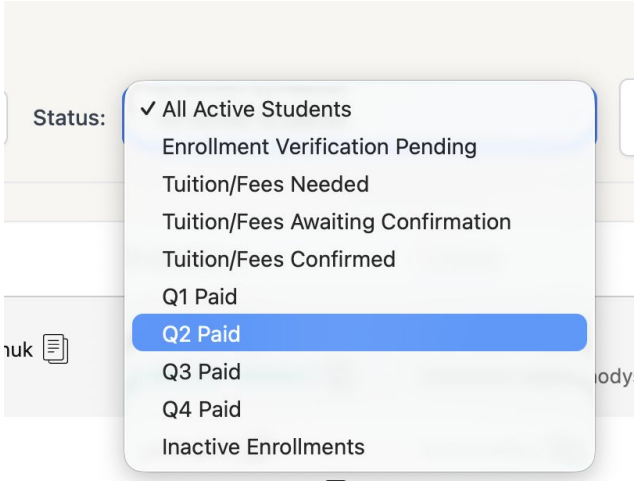

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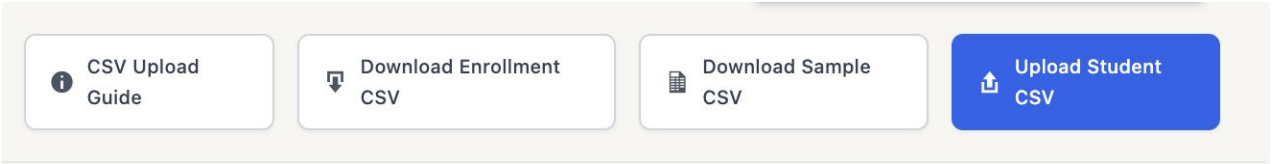

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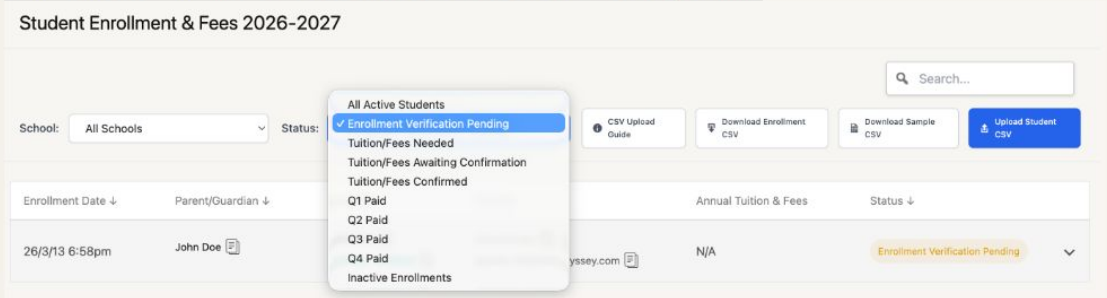

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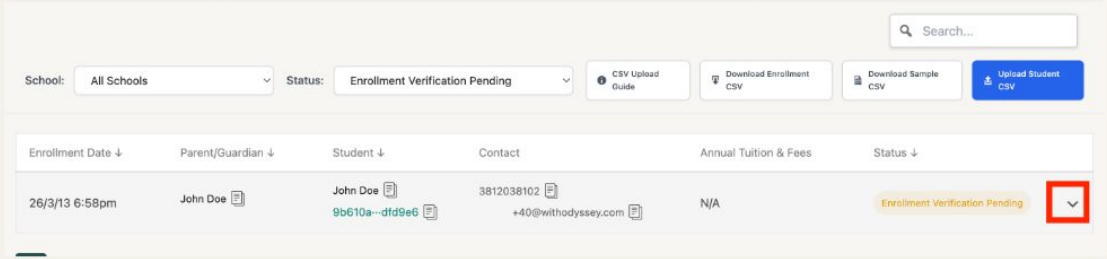

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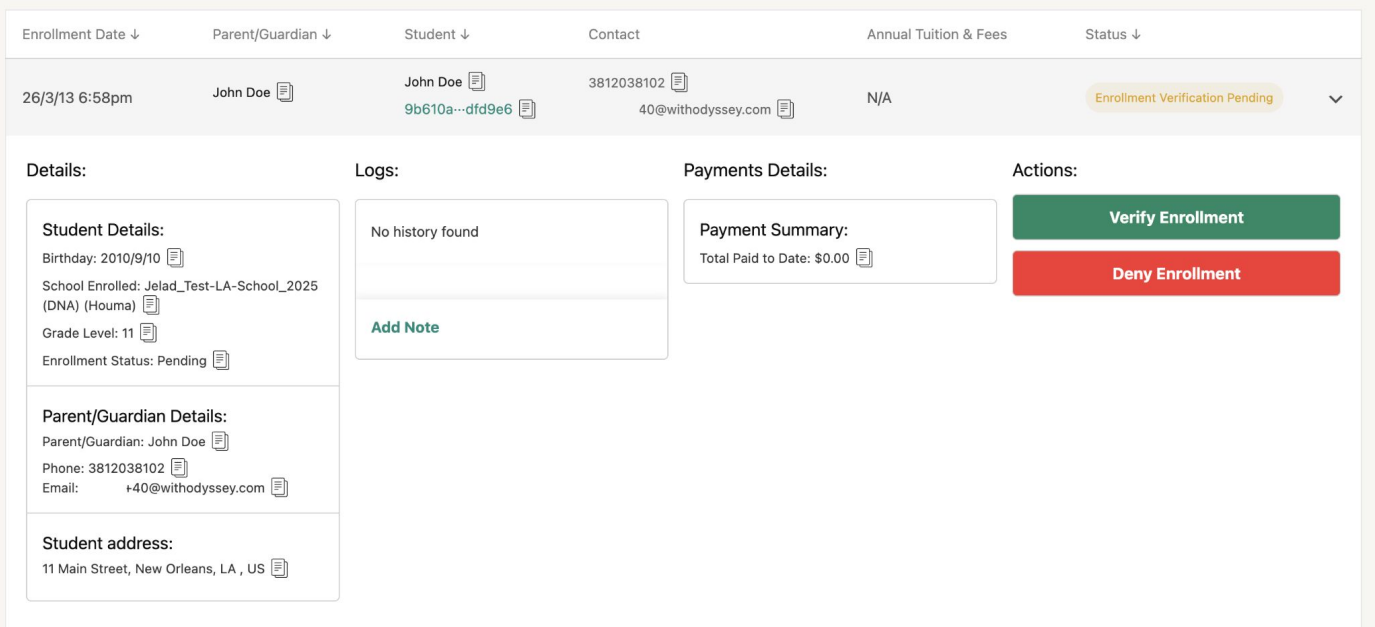

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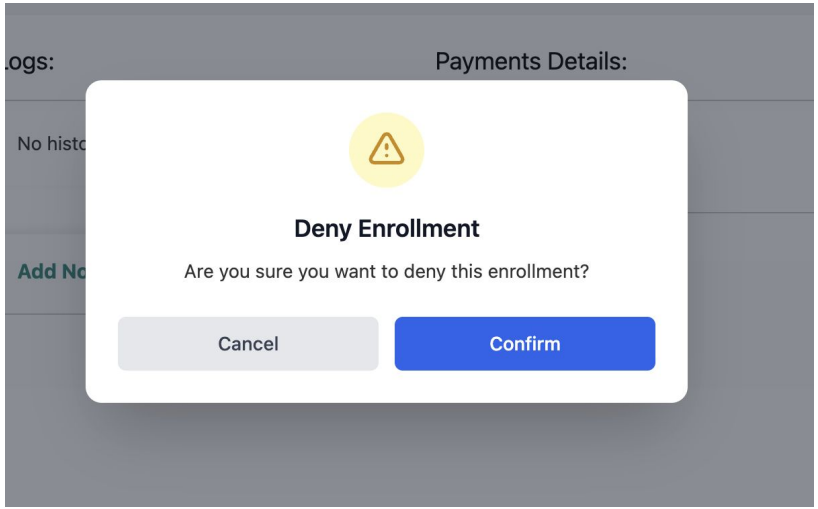

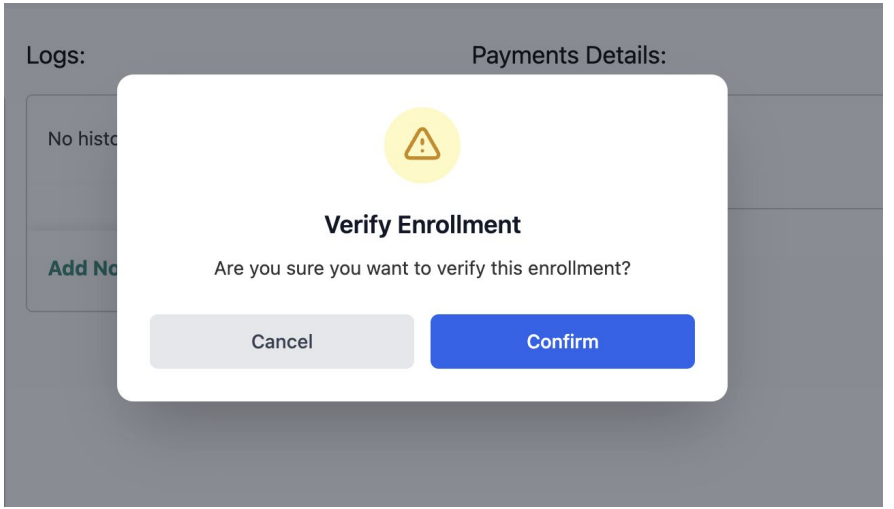

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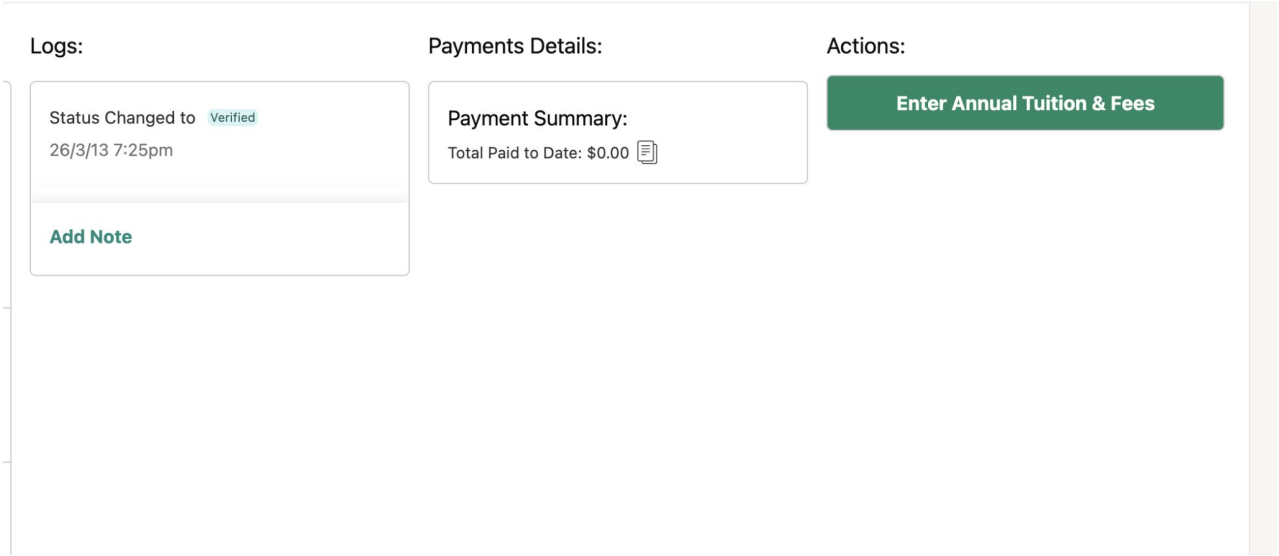

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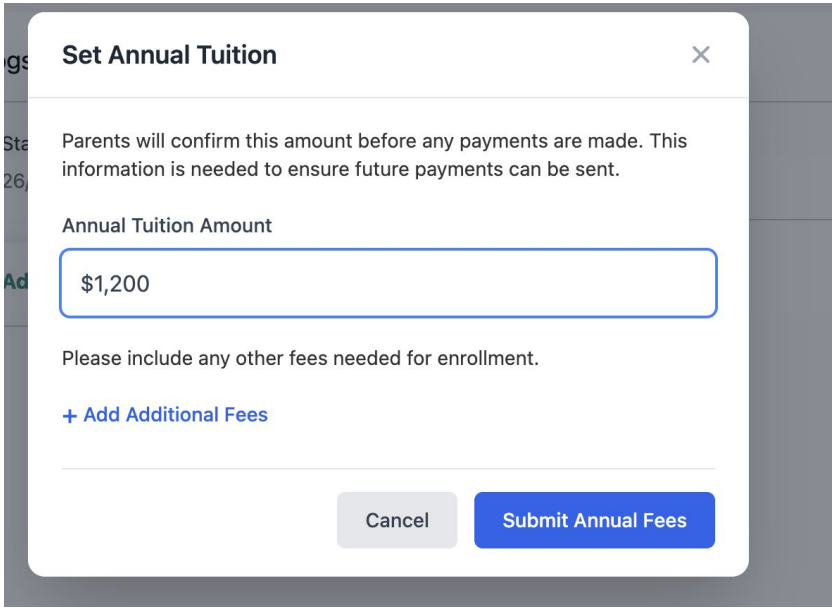

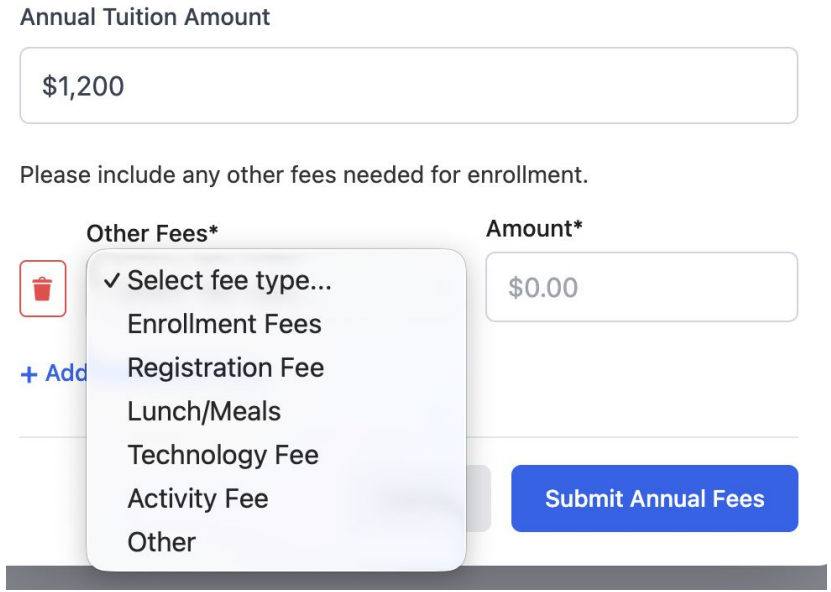

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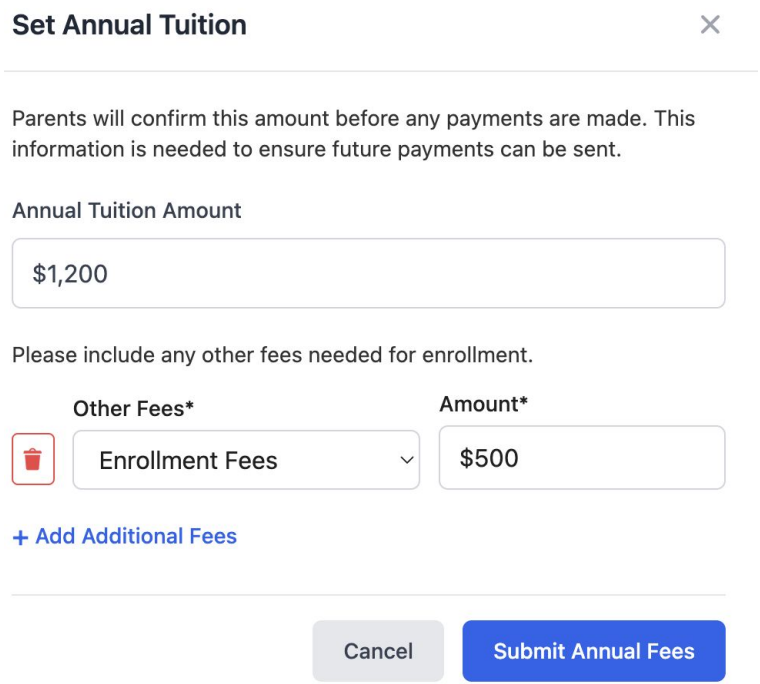

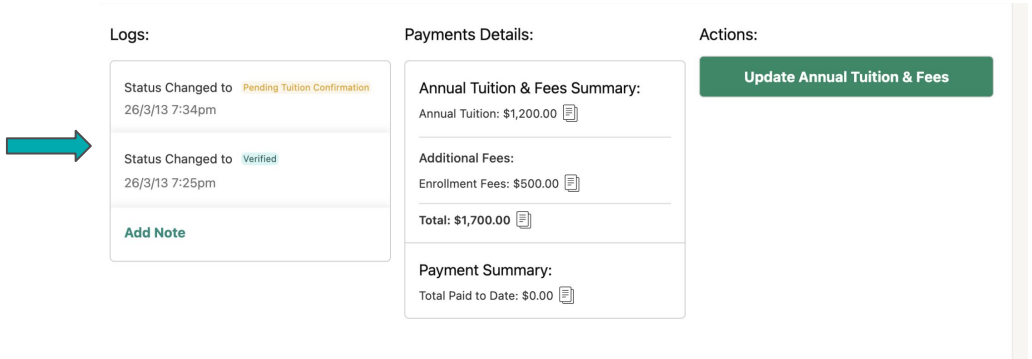

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LA GATOR Round 4 Waitlist

- Families on the waitlist were notified on March 11, 2026
- Waitlist opt-in will be from **March 11-25, 2026**

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LA GATOR Quarter 4 Payments

All LA GATOR Quarter 4 payments will be disbursed on

April 30, 2026.

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LA GATOR Assessments Update

- State and BESE-approved norm-referenced assessments must be completed by **Friday, May 15, 2026**.
- District Test Coordinator (DTC) weekly meetings, held every **Tuesday at 3:00 PM** via this meeting **link** for LEAP testing coordinators

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LA GATOR Site Visits

- **The LA GATOR team will be conducting site visits.**
  - Team members will reach out to nonpublic schools in advance.
  - Nonpublic schools will be asked to intentionally set aside time for observations and to meet with the team.

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LA GATOR Nonpublic Schools SFTP Access

- All LA GATOR schools must have access to the Nonpublic Schools File Transfer Portal (SFTP).
- Designate **only one** school personnel member for access.
- Username: "[site code]@nonpublic"
- Contact the LA GATOR inbox lagator@la.gov with "LA GATOR SFTP" in the subject line
  - **New users:**
    - Provide school name or username, email address, and the 6-digit site code
  - **Reset access:**
    - Provide the 6-digit site code

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LA GATOR Enrollment Verification

All LA GATOR schools must confirm their student enrollment.

- Instructions will be sent on or before Friday, March 20, 2026.
- All submissions will be **due on Friday, March 27, 2026**.
- Please include currently enrolled LA GATOR students as well as program students who have withdrawn and/or transferred.

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Nonpublic Schools Contact Updates in Odyssey

Contact Odyssey's Customer Support Team to update school contact information.

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(225) 422-1538

LA GATOR Support

- **LDOE's Website**: LAGATOR.la.gov
  - All FAQs & Program Policy
  - Communication Resources
  - Program Updates
  - Application Links
- **Odyssey Support**
  - **Phone**: (225) 422-1538
  - **Email**: help.la@withodyssey.com
  - **Instant Chat**: WithOdyssey.com (bottom right corner)

School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities

2026-2027 SCP Application Timeline

STEP	DATE
Last day for schools to upload verified demand report on FTP - **Round 1**	March 20, 2026
Round 2: SCP Application will Reopen (Round 2)	March 23, 2026
Round 2: SCP Application will Close	March 25, 2026
Round 2: Rosters Uploaded to the FTP	March 27, 2026
Round 2: Deadline for Families to submit all Eligibility Documentation to Schools	April 1, 2026
Round 2: Last day for school to upload verified demand report on FTP	April 3, 2026
SCP Award Notification Letters Mailed to Families	April 30, 2026
Send Final Rosters to SCP Schools for Review	April 30, 2026
SCP Summer Transfer Window Opens	June 8, 2026
SCP Summer Transfer Window Closes	July 17, 2026

Important Reminder

- **All new and returning students must complete a new application each year.**
- Continuing students who do not submit an online application will **not be awarded funding** for the following year.
- Please ensure that parents are informed.
- **No exceptions will be made for the 2026-27 school year.**

No Exceptions will be made after Round 2

Demand Reports

- **New Applicants only:** Families must submit all eligibility documents **to the first choice school** by **April 1, 2026.**
- Once a school has completed the demand report, it should be uploaded to the FTP.
    - Completed reports should be saved as “Verified_Report Name” and placed in the “2026-2027 SCP” folder.
- Schools will have until **April 3, 2026** to upload the final verified demand report to the FTP.

If you have any questions or issues with your demand report, please contact our office at studentscholarships@la.gov for assistance.

Demand Reports

Families applying as **new applicants** must provide the following eligibility documents to their first choice scholarship school:

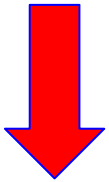
- Copy of student's **current** Individualized Education Program (IEP) or district-provided service plan
- Proof of residency documentation
  - Acceptable documents to verify residency must include one of the following:
    - Rental agreement or mortgage statement
    - Landline telephone bill
    - Cable or internet service bill
    - Sewerage or water bill
    - Electricity or gas bill
    - 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)

Continuing students do NOT need to provide eligibility documentation

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

Demand Reports

- Schools **must** verify that the student information (e.g.,SSN, DOB, grade level, etc) is correct.
  - If corrections are needed, please update the information on the form.
- **Schools are required to collect eligibility documentation for new students and review it for eligibility.**
- All documentation must be kept on file at the school.
- **Column P (red arrow)** in the demand report will be used to indicate student eligibility.



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1/26/2024	Mickey	Mouse	111002222	1/1/2024	M	4th	Yes	Disneyland Academy							Returning SCP stud
1/26/2024	Donald	Duck	222001111	1/1/2024	M	5th	No		ABC Academy						Yes
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Demand Reports

Schools will have a dropdown in **Column P (red arrow)** with 3 options to select from:

- **Yes** (for students who are eligible)
- **No** (for students who are ineligible)
- **Returning SCP student** (for students currently in SCP)

Column H (green box) indicates if a student is currently participating in the SCP program for the 2026-2027 school year. For students that have “Yes” in column H, select the “Returning SCP student” option.

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Resources

Helpful Links

- School Choice Program Application Guide
- School Choice Program Application
- SCP Family Participation Guide
- SCP School Participation Guide
- School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities webpage

Helpful Links

Name	Link
LEADS ● Passwords expire every 60 days and must be reset. If you are having a problem with your account include your username and school code in the email sent.	https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl
LDOE School Choice Library ● Resources for Home Study, Nonpublic and Charter schools ● Scholarship Programs Resources ● Annual Reports	https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/school-choice

Nonpublic Team Contact Information

Topic	Email Support
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School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities (SCP)	studentscholarships@la.gov
Tuition Donation Credit Program (TDC)	
Operations/BESE Approval/Brumfield v. Dodd Approval	nonpublicschools@la.gov
Approved Home Study Program & Nonpublic Schools Not Seeking State Approval	homestudy@la.gov

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School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities

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