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Parent Informational Webinar April 20, 2023





Agenda

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 - b. Transfer Requests
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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 (<u>See this table here</u>), 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 year.

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





Scholarship Timeline

| Date | Action Item |
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| December 12 | Application opened |
| January 27 | Application closed |
| January 27 | Income and Residency Information Due |
| April 24 | Award notification letters and emails will be sent |
| April 24 - May 26 | Site Registration for 2023-24 |
| May 26 | Last day to decline awards |
| June 12 | Transfer window opens |
| July 18 | Transfer window closes |





LSP Site Registration for 2023-2024



Award Notifications

- Families will be notified of awards on April 24 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 24.
 - Site Registration will end on May 26.
 - All families must accept their award no later than May 26.
- If a family does not complete site registration by **May 26**, 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
 - <u>Receipt of rules and regulations form</u>
- 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 Requests

If you wish to transfer to another participating school before the start of the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school will be open June 12 -July 18.

- 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 2023-2024 school year.

- This is NOT for families wishing to transfer to another scholarship school for the 2023-2024 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 <u>willingly choosing to not participate</u> in the LSP program for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Declined awards must be submitted no later than May 26.



Important Reminders

Reminders

Site Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins on April 24.

- Award notifications will go out to families via letter and email on April 24.
 - 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 26.
 - If a family does not complete site registration by May 26, they may lose the awarded scholarship.
- Site Registration ends on May 26.



Reminders

- If you would like to transfer to another scholarship school:
 - The summer transfer window is open June 12 -July 18.
 - 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 26.**
 - This is NOT for families wishing to transfer to another scholarship school for the 2023-2024 school year.



Contact Information

| FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT | EMAIL |
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| Louisiana Scholarship Program | <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u> To ensure a timely response, send one email with your questions. |
| School Choice Program for Students with Exceptionalities | |

