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### The Utah Fits All Scholarship

And we want your family to be part of it!

### **UEFA** is here to help!

**Utah Education Fits All** (UEFA) is a *non-profit* advocacy organization committed to ensuring Utah families have the freedom and access to choose the best fit for their child's education.

We serve as your advocate and watchdog for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program. We are your eyes and ears providing you with the most up-to-date information you need in order to apply for the scholarship. We will answer your questions about the program and assist you in navigating the process.

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Utah Education Fits All is not the Program Manager for the Utah Fits All Scholarship nor affiliated with the Utah State Board of Education. This is not the official application. The official application portal will be opened by the Program Manager by March 1, 2024 for the 2024/2025 school year.

### Utah Fits All Scholarship Basics

### The Utah Fits All Scholarship is a universal school choice program signed into law in 2023!

It's for every child, in every zip code, from every financial background, and every learning style

### How much is the scholarship?



### When is the application portal open?

**February 28 – April 15, 2024** – Utah Fits All Scholarship application portal is open

**No Later than April 18, 2024** – Student Scholarship Award Notification

Apply at ufascholarship.com

### Who is eligible?

**Every K-12 child who is a resident of Utah qualifies** to receive the full amount of the scholarship. You are eligible to apply whether your child currently attends public, private, homeschool, or is just starting kindergarten. Also, you can have your contingency plans in place for the 2024-25 school year. Enrolling in other education options, such as a charter school, does not disqualify you from applying for the scholarship. If you receive the scholarship, you would have to withdraw enrollment.

To clarify, **a student using the scholarship** <u>cannot</u> <u>simultaneously</u> <u>be enrolled</u> in a public school where they are counted as a student for funding purposes. To receive a scholarship, you are agreeing to opt out your child from public school.

A student receiving a Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship or a Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship cannot simultaneously receive a Utah Fits All Scholarship. They can, however, apply but can only accept one.

See our **FAQs** to learn more.

#### **Order of preference by income**

- 1. Family income **at or below 200%** of federal poverty level
- 2. Family income **between 200% and 555%** of federal poverty level
- 3. Family income **above 555%** of federal poverty level

\*A lottery will take place if number of applications exceeds available scholarships

		2024 Federal Poverty Level for the 48 Contiguous States (Annual Income)	
		200%	555%
Household/Family Size	1	\$30,120	\$83,583
	2	\$40,880	\$113,442
	3	\$51,640	\$143,301
	4	\$62,400	\$173,160
	5	\$73,160	\$203,019
	6	\$83,920	\$232,878
	7	\$94,680	\$262,737
	8	\$105,440	\$292,596

\*Add \$10,760 for the 200% FPL for each person in household over 8 persons \*\*Add \$29,859 for the 555% FPL for each person in household over 8 persons **SOURCE:** medicaidplanningassistance.org/federal-poverty-guidelines/



### What can the scholarship be used for?

"any expense for a good or service that a parent or scholarship student incurs in the education of the scholarship student, and the program manager approves, in accordance with statute"

#### Here are some examples of how the scholarship can be used...

- Tuition and fees at a private school or microschool
- Tutoring services
- Fees for after-school or summer education programs
- Textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials
- Online instruction
- Educational software and applications
- Educational supplies or other equipment
- Computer hardware or other technological devices
- Fees & instructional materials at a technical college



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- Educational services for students with disabilities from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider, including occupational, behavioral, physical, audiology, or speech-language therapies
- Fees for qualifying exams or prep courses
- Contracted services that the program manager approves and that an LEA (public school-traditional or charter) provides.
- Expenses related to extracurricular activities, field trips, educational supplements, and other educational experiences
- Ride fees or fares for a fee-for-service transportation provider to transport the scholarship student to and from a qualifying provider, not to exceed \$750 in a given school year

#### Are there requirements for participation? At the end of the year a scholarship student does *ONE* of the following to maintain eligibility:

• The scholarship student or the scholarship student's parent completes and delivers a portfolio annually to the Program Manager with a description of the student's educational opportunities and achievements for the given year. *(The law states-The Program Manager <u>may not</u> disclose the content of a student's portfolio except to the parent)* 

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 Take a qualifying optional assessment outlined in the law that can be requested by the parent, of which result or data pertaining to the scholarship student may not be reported to a person other than the student and student's parent.

### How will you access your child's \$8000 scholarship to pay for education expenses?

The Program Manger will provide an online portal called Class Walletr for the parent to access the scholarship student's account. Scholarship dollars can be accessed to pay for eligible education expenses in three different ways.

- 1. Direct payment through the portal to a qualified provider in the marketplace
- 2. Have an expense pre-approved through the program manager
- 3. Submit a reimbursement with a receipt for a qualified expense



### Will parental rights be protected?

There is a specific section in the law that addresses your rights and protections as a parent: *"Regarding a parent's right to academic accommodations, nothing in this chapter restricts or affects a parent's interests and role in the care, custody, and control of the parent's child, including the duty and right to nurture and direct the child's upbringing and education."* 

## How many scholarships are available for the 2024-25 school year & how can you increase your child's chances for receiving one?

The current appropriation will fund **10,000 scholarships**.

Thanks to the efforts of our united community of 20,000 families, our advocacy to increase funding during the 2024 legislative session was successful. We **DOUBLED** the funding for scholarships from **\$40** million to **\$80** million!

The Program Manager is required to report the total number of student applications received to the legislature annually. The only way to continuously grow the funding is to **demonstrate demand**, which we definitely know how to do! If we stick together and remain united, we will prevail in our endeavor to secure funding for all families seeking scholarships. Together we can foster change — a change that allows every student access to the education that best suits their needs, allow them to pursue their passions, and helps them realize their full potential!

We can't do this without you — all of you — both those who receive the scholarship this year and those who don't.

So... to increase your child's chances

# Apply for the Utah Fits All Scholarship <u>Here</u>, and...



Be a part of the movement – Join our Community of 20,000 parents today!

### Didn't get your questions answered? Learn more by going to our FAQ page!



# UEFA has your back. We are always here to support **you**Contact us!

### **Helpful Links**

- Scholarship Application Portal
- <u>Utah Education Fits All Website</u> <u>Join Our Community</u>
  - <u>FAQs</u>
  - Provider Form
- <u>ACE Scholarships UFA Website</u>
  <u>Utah Fits All Family Handbook</u>
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