

Supporting Onsite Learning for Virtual Education Program

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements for Students with Disabilities

Overview

To receive SOLVE Scholarships, families with students with disabilities must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- There are no income requirements for families with a student with a disability.
- The parents must be attending work, school, or a combination of the two.
- The child or young adult must be enrolled in a Georgia charter school or public school system that is primarily offering virtual learning (50% or more of classroom instruction is virtual for any grade level kindergarten through 7th).
- The child or young adult must be age 5 up to age 22.
- Families may select an individual, who meets CAPS policy, to provide care rather than a licensed or exempt provider.

Family Weekly Payment Responsibility

- Scholarship rates are higher for students with a disability.
- If the rates charged by the provider are greater than the SOLVE payment amount, you may be responsible for the difference.
- The total amount you owe your provider each week may be decreased, depending on any discounts the provider offers at their discretion.
- The amount you owe may increase if your provider increases their rate.
- Your provider may charge other fees not covered by SOLVE.
- Please confirm your parent weekly payment responsibility with your provider.

Information on Qualifying Disabilities

Families of children and young adults with a disability that impacts learning are eligible for a SOLVE scholarship. Disabilities that impact learning may include, but are not limited to:

- intellectual disabilities
- hearing impairments (including deafness)
- speech or language impairments
- visual impairments (including blindness)
- serious emotional disturbance
- orthopedic impairments
- autism
- traumatic brain injury
- specific learning disabilities
- other health impairments that impact the child's learning
- significant delays in physical, cognitive, communication, social, emotional, or adaptive development

Verification of the student's disability is required for the SOLVE scholarship program. Acceptable verification can include any of the following:

- Written diagnosis and statement of how the child's learning is impacted from a licensed medical specialist
- an Individualized Family Service Plan (Part C of IDEA)
- an Individualized Education Program (Part B, section 619, of IDEA)
- an Individual Accommodation Plan (Section 504) that indicates how the child's learning is impacted
- a Medicaid waiver for persons with disabilities (Katie Beckett, NOW, or COMP)

