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Arkansas

EFA Details

Overview

How to use state funding to pay for
a child's microschool experience

What is the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program??

The Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account (EFA) Program is an education savings account program that will be available to all students in Arkansas for the 2025-2026 school year.

Arkansas' EFA Program allows parents to access funding for their student's education, with the average scholarship being around \$6,800 per student. These funds go into an account that allows parents to fund their child's educational experience in ways that best fit their needs. This includes paying for curricula for homeschooling, educational therapies, private tutoring, private school, microschooling, extracurriculars, virtual school, and supplemental education tools and supplies.

The program became available to families in the 2023-2024 school year. For the first two years of the program, scholarships were limited to students with specific qualifications. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year the scholarship is open to all Arkansas K-12 students, with no enrollment cap.

What is Prenda's relationship with EFA?

Prenda will be an approved provider for the EFA program.

Prenda makes it easy for guides to set up and operate a microschool that can accept EFA funds. Prenda assists guides with many financial administrative tasks, such as not needing to become an approved provider with ADE and generating parent invoices on their behalf. This enables guides to start a microschool quickly and receive compensation for it easily.



Does signing a student up with Prenda guarantee that they will get EFA funding?

No. Applying for and receiving EFA funding is a separate process from enrolling with Prenda. Signing a student up for Prenda does not guarantee a student's ability to secure EFA funds. As a provider, Prenda has no direct influence on a family's ability to receive an EFA scholarship.

Who is eligible for the Arkansas EFA program?

The Arkansas EFA Program will be available to any child in the state of Arkansas who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary school. There will be no limits on student participation in the EFA Program.

What is the EFA Scholarship application process?

The EFA scholarship application will open March 3, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. You can access the application as well as additional EFA information on [Arkansas's EFA site](#).

How much funding will students receive?

EFA Scholarships are approximately \$6,800 per student.

What if EFA funds do not cover the total fee on a child's Prenda invoice?

Most families can pay their entire Prenda invoice with state funds. However, if the invoiced amount is higher than the amount of EFA Scholarship funding a student receives, the student's family is responsible for paying the difference out of pocket. Prenda encourages guides to take EFA Scholarship funding amounts into consideration when setting their guide fee.

What if a student does not receive the EFA scholarship?

Families whose students do not receive the EFA scholarship can still participate in a Prenda microschoool. In those cases, families will be responsible for paying their entire Prenda invoice with their personal funds.

How often does Prenda invoice families and how often are Prenda guides paid?

Prenda invoices students quarterly.

Prenda pays guides quarterly after each student's invoice is paid in full.

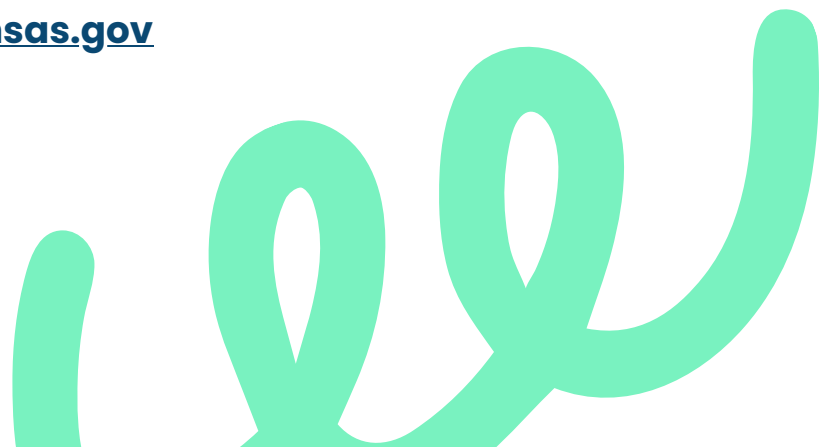
Families are expected and encouraged to pay their quarterly Prenda invoices through ClassWallet as soon as they have received their quarterly invoices so that their child's guide may be paid without delay.

Questions

Please reach out to us at <https://www.prenda.com/contact>. We'd love to support you every step of the way in using EFA funds for your Prenda microschoool experience!

EFA Resources

- [EFA Information for Families](#)
- Arkansas Department of Education
Contact Information
 - Email: ade.efa@ade.arkansas.gov
 - Phone: 1-501-683-1876





Top Tips for Success

1. Start Early

Keep track of application windows opening and apply early.

2. Complete Documentation Carefully

- Submit complete and accurate documents with the initial EFA application to avoid delays.
- Include front and back color images of all documentation, and ensure the adult's name is listed on proof of residency and any income verification documentation

3. Await Award Notification

Promptly respond to any requests for additional documents to prevent unnecessary delays in the processing timeline.

4. Understand Funding Schedule

Familiarize yourself with the funding schedule.

5. Utilize ClassWallet Efficiently

- Learn how to navigate and use ClassWallet for managing EFA funds.
- Pay Prenda invoices promptly through ClassWallet once EFA funding is received.

6. Communicate with Prenda

Maintain open communication with Prenda to address any concerns or questions about the EFA funding process.

