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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 is available to all students in Arkansas beginning in the 2025–2026 school year.

Arkansas' EFA Program allows parents to access funding for their student's education, with an average scholarship amount of \$6,800 per student. Scholarship 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 is an approved academic 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 is available to any child in the state of Arkansas who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary school. There are no limits on student participation in the EFA Program.

What is the EFA Scholarship application process?

The EFA scholarship application opened on 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](#).

EFA applications will be reviewed and approved within the following three-week Priority Windows:

- Priority Window A: March 3–March 23
- Priority Window B: March 24–April 13
- Priority Window C: April 14–May 4
- Priority Window D: May 5–May 25

The application portal will be closed from May 26–June 1.

- Priority Window E: June 2–June 22
- Priority Window F: June 23–July 13
- Priority Window G: July 14–August 3



Applications will be closed August 15 and will reopen for the 26–27 school year in early 2026.

Step 1: Create a FACTS Account

After clicking “Apply Now” on the EFA site, the legal parent or guardian of the student will need to sign up for a FACTS account to apply for an EFA contract. You’ll need to create a parent account and select the 2025–2026 term when submitting an application.

You’ll need to add some personal information for yourself and you will also have the opportunity to add another parent or guardian.

Tip: The application will provide helpful tips and tricks as you move through the application process. Pay close attention!



Step 2: Complete the Application

Add information to student profiles for all students who will be applying for the scholarship. Then, fill out the simple application form for each applying student. After submission, you will receive a confirmation email along with updates on your application status.

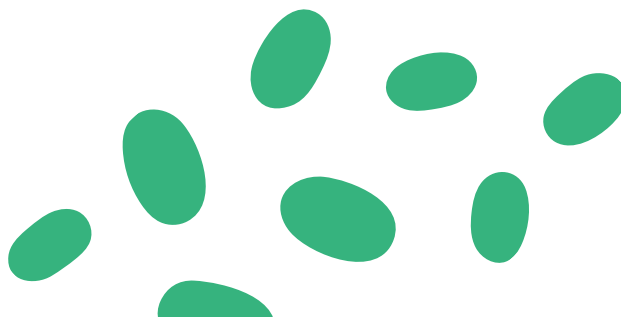
Step 3: Access Your Student’s EFA Funds in ClassWallet

Once your student is approved, you will receive a welcome email from ClassWallet with instructions on how to set up your student’s EFA account on the platform. ClassWallet is the platform you will use to access your funds, including paying your Prenda invoices.

Step 4: Wait for funds in ClassWallet

After your student has been approved and your account has been created in ClassWallet, your student’s account will be funded quarterly in the following months:

- Q1: August 2025
- Q2: October 2025
- Q3: February 2026
- Q4: April 2026



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 microschool. 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 and 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 microschool experience!

EFA Resources

- [EFA Family Handbook](#)
- [EFA Information for Families](#)
- [EFA FAQ's](#)
- 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.

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.

