



45-Day Eligibility Pathway Reminders



To become eligible for the Hope Scholarship under the “45-Day Rule,” a student must be enrolled full-time in a West Virginia public school for at least 45 consecutive calendar days, with a minimum attendance rate of 90% during their public school enrollment. Students must remain enrolled and attending the West Virginia public school program until a decision is released on the student’s Hope Scholarship application. Withdrawing from public school prior to your student’s application being approved will result in your student being found ineligible for the

scholarship.

If you will be applying for a student under the 45-Day Rule, please do not submit your student’s Hope Scholarship application until the student has actually completed all 45 days in public school. If your student has not yet completed all 45 days and the application is reviewed, the student will be found ineligible since they do not yet meet the statutory eligibility requirements for the program.

Please do not submit your student’s Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent (NOI) until the student’s Hope application has been updated to Eligible status. County Boards of Education have been instructed to withdraw a student from public school upon receipt of a Hope NOI, so early submission of the NOI could result in your student being withdrawn in WVEIS and therefore negatively impact their eligibility determination.

If your student is attending a public charter school under the 45-Day Rule to become eligible for the Hope Scholarship, you must submit your student’s Hope NOI to both the county board of education of your county of residence and to the public charter school. Examples of public charter schools are West Virginia Virtual Academy and Virtual Preparatory Academy of West Virginia.

In Case You Missed It

The Hope Scholarship Program released updates regarding Acellus Academy and reimbursements for Power Homeschool via social media on September 25, 2025. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the detailed update.

Funding Updates

As a reminder, in order for a Hope Scholarship application to be funded, it must be in Approved status in the Hope online portal. Outside of the two primary statutory funding dates (August 15 and January 15), Hope Scholarship funding is generally processed once per month. A funding file is pulled around the 15th of each calendar month of all students in Approved status as of that date and the funding is typically available in student accounts within 7-10 calendar days to allow time for processing and all banking transfers.



If your student's account was not funded on September 22, the next opportunity for funding will be in the second half of October.

If your student's account was funded on September 22 and your student is attending a participating nonpublic school or microschool, please be sure to pay your first semester tuition and fees by clicking on the blue "My School" tile on your dashboard.

What Comes Next?



Question: My student's new 2025-26 application is still in "Eligible" status. What is my next step?

Answer: If your student's application still reflects a status of Eligible in the portal, this indicates that the Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent has not yet been recorded in the WVEIS system by the county board of education.

Please click [HERE](#) for the [Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent](#) and click [HERE](#) for each [county board of education email address](#) where the Hope Notice of Intent can be sent.

Hope Scholarship Board staff typically update application statuses from Eligible to Approved once per week. If you have submitted your Hope NOI and don't see your status change within 7-10 days, please contact your local county board of education to confirm receipt of the NOI.

As a reminder, if your student is an Individualized Instructional Plan (IIP) student,

please do not submit a traditional homeschool Notice of Intent. If your student is participating in the Hope Scholarship Program, the specific Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent form must be completed, even if you are educating your child at home.

Amazon Third-Party Sellers

When placing TheoPay orders with Amazon, it is recommended that parents look for items that are fulfilled directly by Amazon instead of items fulfilled by a third-party seller on Amazon. While orders can be placed with third-party Amazon sellers under the Hope Scholarship Program, we have found that such orders are more likely to experience cancellations or shipping delays by the sellers. Third-party sellers also often have different return policies. On Amazon's website, after searching for the item that you wish to purchase, you can then filter by type of seller. Check the box for Amazon.com to see items which will be shipped directly by Amazon.



REMINDER: Select Your Student's School or Individualized Instruction Plan in the Hope Portal

There are still over 700 students in Approved status for the 2025-2026 school year who have not yet made a selection on their application to indicate the nonpublic school/microschool that their student will be attending or to indicate that their student will be an Individualized Instructional Plan (IIP) student. All Hope students are required to make a selection, so please take action in the Hope online portal as soon as possible.

You can watch a brief tutorial video on how to complete this selection below.

How to Select a School
or IIP for the 2025-2026
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BEST PRACTICE: Do Not Create Duplicate Guardian Accounts

If you make a typo on entering your credentials when creating your Hope Scholarship Account for the first time, please do not try to make a duplicate account with the correct email credentials. Duplicate accounts may cause log-in issues for account holders. If you make a typo during the account creation process, please email or call our Hope Engagement Center at 681-999-4673 or help@hopescholarshipwv.com to request assistance with correcting the email address on your account.

Guardianship FAQ Now Available

New FAQs related to common guardianship issues have been added to the FAQs on the Hope Scholarship website. Topics include issues such as adoption, foster care, legal name changes, etc. Click below to check out the new questions and answers regarding guardianships.

[Guardianship FAQ](#)

NEXT STEPS: Return to Public School or Scholarship Declines

If your student has been awarded the Hope Scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year (Approved, Eligible or Conditionally Eligible status) and you return to public school or decline the scholarship for any other reason, you are required by law to notify the Hope Scholarship program immediately. You can email us at hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov with your student's basic information to make us aware of the change in status.

Please be sure to also notify your local county board of education regarding any change in your student's Hope Scholarship status as well. If you re-enroll in public school within your county, please make the individual school aware that your student had been approved for Hope so they can contact the proper county officials to update the Hope records. Notifying the county of a change in Hope status is especially important if you are not enrolling in a public school in your county of residence. If you are enrolling in a public charter school or at a public school in another county, you need to notify the county tracking your student's Notice of Intent (NOI) that you are terminating your participation in the Hope Scholarship program. The same thing applies if you have decided to return to traditional homeschool under exemption (c) from West Virginia's compulsory attendance requirements. You will need to notify your county of residence that you are terminating your Hope participation and submit a new traditional homeschool NOI to the county. You can email termination information to the email address corresponding to your county of residence that is included on the [County Email Address List](#) available on our

Warranty Purchases

When ordering extended warranties for technology equipment or other items, Hope families are encouraged to review the specific terms and conditions of the warranty prior to placing the order. Warranties can offer different coverage depending on the item being purchased, so be sure to select a warranty that works for you. As a reminder, warranties must be purchased at the time of original purchase and cannot be added at a later date. If the warranty originally gets rejected by the TheoPay artificial intelligence, do not remove it from your cart if you wish to purchase it – instead include a justification and submit the warranty for consideration.

Important Upcoming Dates

- **November 30, 2025:** Last day for eligible students to apply to receive 50% of the scholarship amount for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **December 1, 2025:** First day for eligible students to apply to receive 25% of the scholarship amount for the 2025-2026 school year.



Fraud and Abuse Reporting

If you are aware of any person who has abused the use of their Hope Scholarship funds or has committed fraud or attempted to commit fraud involving Hope Scholarship funds, you can file a report on the Hope Scholarship website. Click on the link below to report fraud or abuse.

[Report Fraud or Abuse](#)

