



Applications for New Students for 2026-2027



Hope Scholarship applications for new students for the 2026-2027 school year will open on **March 2, 2026**.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to apply for a new student for next school year, please do not take any action for that student in the Hope online portal until March 2. If you start the application earlier, the application will automatically default to a 25% application for the remainder of the 2025-2026

school year. Any in-progress, unsubmitted applications for the 2025-2026 school year that exist at midnight on February 28, 2026 will automatically be closed.

As a reminder, the eligibility requirements for the Hope Scholarship change for the 2026-2027 school year. All students eligible to be enrolled in public school in grades K-12 will be eligible for the Hope Scholarship, opening the door for existing private school and traditional homeschool students to apply without first returning to public school.

All Hope Scholarship applications require a WVEIS ID number. You may obtain a WVEIS ID number for your student from your local county board of education by completing the [WVEIS ID Request Form](#) and submitting it by email using the special email address for your local county found [HERE](#). This form is designed for students in all grade levels, including incoming kindergarten students.

IIP v. Traditional Homeschool

If you are interested in learning the differences between the requirements for Hope Scholarship Individualized Instructional Program (IIP) students and traditional homeschool students, please review the comparison chart in the link. This is a side-by-side comparison between the two different exemptions from compulsory public-school attendance.



New Notice of Intent Form Available

A new sample **Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent Form** is now available on the Hope Scholarship website. This updated form has a new section for families who are moving from traditional homeschool under exemption (c) to the Hope Scholarship under exemption (m). There is a statutory requirement for traditional homeschool students to send a Notice of Termination to their local county board of education when they cease homeschooling under exemption (c). The new section of the form will allow families in this situation to use the Hope Scholarship NOI to serve as both their notice to begin utilizing the Hope Scholarship and as a Notice of Termination for traditional homeschool. This combined form will reduce paperwork for both families and county boards of education.

As a reminder, do not send in your Hope Scholarship NOI until after your student's new application for 2026-2027 has been updated to Eligible status in the Hope Scholarship online portal. Be sure to indicate the correct school year on the NOI form so that the county board of education knows when to make the change in WVEIS. The NOI also serves as a notice to withdraw a student from public school, so indicating the wrong school year on the NOI could result in your student being unenrolled from public school upon submission.

In addition, the Hope Scholarship NOI requirement is a one-time requirement unless your student changes Hope Scholarship educational pathways or has a change in demographic information that needs to be communicated to the county board of education. You do not need to submit an NOI annually.

Upload Required Documentation for Applications

As a reminder, please upload all application documentation such as birth certificates and proof of residency directly into the application in the Hope Scholarship Portal. Do not submit them by email unless specifically instructed to do so. Below is a helpful video demonstrating how to upload documents.

How to Submit a New Scholarship Application

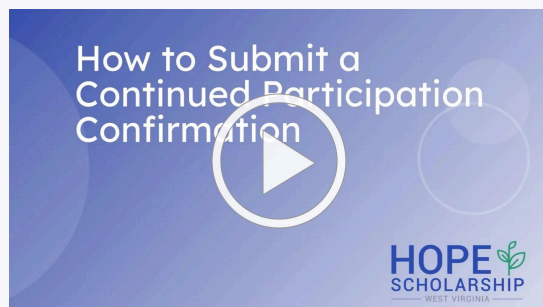


Complete CPC Now to Avoid Longer Processing Times

Continued Participation Confirmation became available January 5 for existing Hope students wishing to participate for the 2026-27 school year. CPCs are available in the Hope Scholarship Portal until June 15, 2026.

Please complete a CPC for your student(s) as soon as possible to avoid longer application processing times in March when the new application window opens. Failure to submit a CPC by the deadline of June 15, 2026 will require submission of a new application for the 2026-27 school year with a lower funding amount as well as the loss of any carryover funds in your account at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

The **Parent Portal User Guide** and the video resources below have been updated on the website to provide guidance on the process of completing a CPC for the 2026-2027 school year.



Closed Market Place Order Status

If you have successfully placed a MarketPlace order for your student, the status will reflect "Requested" in the online portal. Requested indicates that the service provider still needs to review and accept the order placed for your student. If there seems to be an issue or delay with your order being processed, please contact the vendor directly to discuss your order. If you have issues reaching the vendor,

please feel free to contact the Hope Engagement Center for further assistance at help@hopescholarshipwv.com or 681-999-HOPE.

TheoPay Tips

- When providing a justification for a TheoPay purchase when the item has been rejected by the portal's artificial intelligence, please provide a full explanation of why the item is needed for your student's education. Be sure to include support for the quantity of the item being requested if you are requesting a quantity greater than one.
- The TheoPay fulfillment team is unable to order Iowa Standardized Test items from BJU Press. These items require the signature of a legal document that cannot be signed by the TheoPay fulfillment team on behalf of the account holder. Although these tests cannot be purchased directly in the online portal, the out-of-pocket purchase of nationally normed standardized achievement test kits or online tests are eligible for reimbursement.
- The TheoPay fulfillment team is unable to order Schoolhouse Discoveries kits with sibling add-ons based on the way that scholarship funds are apportioned between accounts. Account holders wishing to purchase Schoolhouse Discoveries kits with sibling add-ons to take advantage of the discounted pricing have the option of making the purchase out-of-pocket and submitting reimbursement requests which divide the cost of the education kits equally between the siblings.

Please click [HERE](#) to review the Hope Scholarship Reimbursement Policy.

Reminder: Pay Second Semester Tuition and Fees



If your Hope Scholarship student attends a participating nonpublic school or microschool, be sure to pay your student's second semester tuition and fees by navigating to the "My School" tile on your dashboard in the Hope Scholarship online portal. From that tile, click on the dark blue "Pay Tuition and Fees" button for the second semester. If you experience any difficulties with this process, please reach out to the Hope Engagement Center at 681-999-HOPE (4673) or help@hopescholarshipwv.com.

TheoPay Vendor Updates

The following websites have been whitelisted as TheoPay Vendors:

- Art With Lauren
- Ruby Reads
- STEM 101
- 42 Electronics
- Blackbird & Company LLC
- Threads of Discovery
- Training Them Wisely

- Skydriver Outdoor Schools (subscription box only)
- PRC-Salttillo
- Moco Shirts (uniform provider for Seneca Trail Academy)

The following vendors have been removed from TheoPay:

- Global Schoolwear
- Lavender Vibes

Don't Forget: Follow Hope Scholarship on Facebook



The West Virginia Hope Scholarship Program now has its own dedicated Facebook page!

You can now follow the new social media page to receive important program reminders and updates. Click below to access the official West Virginia Hope Scholarship Facebook page administered by the State Treasurer's Office and be sure to follow and share!

[West Virginia Hope Scholarship
Official Facebook Page](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

February 28, 2026: Last day for eligible students to apply for the 2025-2026 school year to receive 25% funding

March 2, 2026: New 2026-2027 applications available or 100% of the scholarship amount

March 14, 2026: West Virginia Homeschool Convention at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center (visit the Hope Scholarship Team at the event!)

April 25, 2026: Rescheduled West Virginia Homeschool Connection at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center (visit the Hope Scholarship Team at the event!)

June 8, 2026: Annual academic progress reporting for the 2025-2026 school year due to the county board of education

June 15, 2026: Deadline to submit CPCs and deadline for new applicants to receive 100% funding for the 2026-2027 school year.

June 16, 2026: First day of the 75% funding window for the 2026-2027 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](#)



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