



Story of Hope

Hear how the Hope Scholarship is making a positive impact in your community.



Ashley Bennett of South Charleston in Kanawha County talks about how West Virginia's Hope Scholarship has allowed her son to learn in an environment that works for him. Hear their family's "Story of Hope" by clicking the link above.

Year-End Academic Reporting Requirements

As a reminder, there are **academic/attendance reporting requirements** for all participating Hope Scholarship students which are **due no later than June 8** annually to the county superintendent of their county of residence. Please use the special email addresses created for this purpose to submit your required documentation to your county to help ensure that it makes it to the correct person in the county and to have proof of submission. The email list can be found **[HERE](#)**.



For students attending a **nonpublic school**, the nonpublic school must submit confirmation of each Hope Scholarship student's enrollment and attendance in their school to the local county superintendent of the student's county of residence. The nonpublic schools complete this requirement and there is no required reporting from the parent/guardian.

For students who are on the **Individualized Instructional Program (IIP) pathway**, including students who attend microschools, the student must submit certain academic information to their local county superintendent. There are two options to satisfy the academic reporting requirements in the Hope Scholarship Act: (1) nationally normed standardized achievement tests or (2) certified teacher review of the student's academic work.

More information about the year-end academic reporting requirements can be found in the **[Hope Scholarship FAQs](#)** on our website. Examples include information about the specific subjects for nationally normed testing, the sample portfolio review form, etc.

If you do not submit the required documentation for your renewal student, State law requires that the Hope Scholarship account be terminated and all money remaining in the account returned to the State of West Virginia. Please be sure to submit your required academic documentation by the June 8th deadline!

Also, as a reminder, the status of your student's Continued Participation Confirmation for 2025-2026 will not be updated from Conditionally Eligible to Approved until mid-July after Hope Scholarship Board staff have confirmed submission of the required academic/attendance reporting information with the West Virginia Department of Education.



FUND THE FUTURE SWEEPSTAKES

Your Child Could Win \$15,000!

Enter the **SMART529 Fund the Future Sweepstakes** for a chance to win \$15,000 in a SMART529 college savings plan account. West Virginia parents or legal guardians may enter on behalf of their child to win.

Hurry! The entry deadline is May 16!

Enter TODAY

Hope Scholarship Funds Usage

As a reminder, Hope Scholarship funds can only be used to pay for qualifying expenses for the awarded student. They cannot be used to purchase items on behalf of a sibling or for use by the parents/guardians of the Hope Scholarship student.

If there are multiple students in a family receiving the Hope Scholarship, the funds for each student are maintained in a separate digital wallet in the Hope Scholarship online portal and families should carefully review all purchases to ensure they are being submitted under the correct student in the online portal.

Updated List of Approved Providers for Academic Portfolio Reviews

In the March newsletter, we provided participating families with the list of participating educational service providers who have approved service offerings for academic portfolio reviews since families do not currently have the ability to easily filter by service type in the Hope Scholarship online marketplace. Additional service offerings have been approved since the March newsletter.

The updated list of providers with approved service offerings for this service as of April 28, 2025 is as follows:

Brittany Neal	From the Ground Up Learning
Pathfinder Institute	Wild & Wonderful Enrichment
Carole O'Sullivan	Homeschool Freedom
Santini Educational Consulting	Young Educational & Administrative Support Service
Cassandra Smith	iReading Tutor, LLC

Stephanie Johnson	Mountain Mama Education Services
Covenant Family Classical Academy	Trinity Learning Center
Thinking, Learning, Growing	Joyful Journey Education Services
Creative Family Resources	Infinite Learning Academy
WV Homeschool Portfolio Reviews LLC	Rock Oak Ed Services
Dancing Sun	Rikki McCormick
Whole Child Tutoring and Coaching	Portfolio Reviews

New TheoPay Vendors

Several new TheoPay Vendors were added in the Hope Scholarship online portal since the last newsletter. Those vendors include the following:

- My WriteDay
- Upper Story
- Essentials in Writing
- RightStart Mathematics
- Impact Learners
- Harbor + Sprout
- Singapore Math
- Homeschool Complete
- Landmark Kids
- Shiller Learning

Reminder: Second Semester Tuition and Fees

We still have hundreds of participating students who have not yet paid their second semester tuition and fees to their nonpublic school. If your student attends a participating nonpublic or microschool and you have not yet pushed the button to pay your second semester tuition and fees, please log into the Hope Scholarship online portal to do so. Click on the blue “My School” tile and then push the blue button to pay tuition and fees for the second semester. Review the amounts and push submit on the pop-up screen. If you experience any technical difficulties with this process, please contact the Hope Engagement Center at 681-999-HOPE or help@hopescholarshipwv.com.

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 8, 2025: Year-end academic reporting due to the county board of education.

- June 15, 2025: Last day to submit Continued Participation Confirmations for 2025-2026. No late confirmations will be accepted after the deadline.
- June 15, 2025: Last day for new applicants to apply for 100% scholarship funding for 2025-2026.
- June 16, 2025: First day of the 75% funding window for new applications for 2025-2026.
- July 31, 2025: Recommended last day for new Hope participants to submit their NOI for the 2025-2026 school year to ensure no issues with first semester funding. Earlier submission is strongly encouraged.
- August 15, 2025: First semester funding date for the 2025-2026 school year.



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