



Graduation Notification Requirement

As a reminder, when your Hope Scholarship student successfully completes a secondary education program, you are legally required to notify the Hope Scholarship Board. A student has successfully completed a secondary program when they have been issued a high school diploma.



The notification requirement can be satisfied by emailing Hope Scholarship Board staff at hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov.

Notification Requirement if Student Returns to Public School

If your student has been approved to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program for the 2025-2026 school year but decides to attend public school full-time, you must notify Hope Scholarship Board staff of the decision by emailing hopescholarshipwv@wvsto.gov.

A student is not eligible to receive the Hope Scholarship while they are attending public school full-time. If possible, please notify Board staff by August 1, 2025 regarding decisions made over the summer. If your student returns to public school at any time during the school year, this notification requirement is still in place. If you spend Hope Scholarship funds after your student has returned to public school, those funds must be repaid to the State.

When to Send an Updated NOI

Submission of the Notice of Intent to the board of education of your county of residence is a one-time



requirement. However, families will need to submit revised Notice of Intent forms to their county of residence when the following circumstances arise:

- If you move to a different address within the same county or have some other change in contact information previously provided to the county.
- If your student changes educational pathways from IIP to nonpublic school or vice versa.
- If your student's grade level changes due to accelerated advancement or due to your student being retained.

Please note that if you move to a different county within West Virginia, you need to submit a Notice of Intent to the new county of residence letting them know that your Hope Scholarship student now resides in their county for tracking purposes. You must also notify the original county where you lived that your student has moved to a different county so that they can update their records accordingly.

New TheoPay Vendors

The following vendors have been whitelisted for TheoPay since the last newsletter:

- A to Z Moms Like Me
- Deep Roots and Blooming Shoots
- LegiLiner
- WinterPromise Publishing
- Discovery Toys (please review the [**Nonqualifying Expense List.pdf**](#) for rules regarding toy purchases)
- Easy Grammar Systems
- T is for Tot
- Well-Trained Mind
- ArtCart Inc
- ABC Crate
- Little Global Citizens
- Compass Classroom
- Shurley Instructional Materials
- On Fire Learning
- The Moments at Home

Save the Date! New Parent Webinar

Save the date for a webinar for new Hope Scholarship families at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.**

This virtual session will provide new Hope Scholarship parents an opportunity to learn more about the online

portal, account holder responsibilities, and important next steps for the 2025-2026 school year. More details will be provided soon for those families who wish to attend the live event. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and provided to families.



TheoPay Purchases with Carryover Funds



Hope Scholarship students with carryover funds are encouraged to submit TheoPay purchases for the 2025-2026 school year prior to the first semester funding date of August 15, 2025.

Submission of orders prior to that date will help families avoid the rush of TheoPay orders anticipated once funding for the new school year is released, leading to faster fulfillment times for all Hope Scholarship students.

Reimbursement Policy Reminders

Another way to ensure faster delivery and avoid the rush of TheoPay orders on August 15, is to purchase curriculum and other limited items allowed for reimbursement out-of-pocket and submit them for reimbursement in accordance with the Hope Scholarship Board's reimbursement policy. Please click [HERE](#) to view the full Reimbursement Policy.

It is important to note the following when making out-of-pocket purchases for reimbursement under the Hope Scholarship Program:

- Not all qualifying expense items are reimbursable. Please review the [Reimbursement Policy](#) before making any out-of-pocket purchases to ensure that the items you are purchasing will qualify for reimbursement. If you purchase items which are not covered by the policy, the reimbursement request will be denied.
- Account holders for new Hope Scholarship students CANNOT make out-of-pocket purchases prior to August 15, 2025 and submit them for reimbursement. Even if an item would qualify for reimbursement under the policy, if the date of purchase is prior to August 15, 2025, the reimbursement request will be denied. You cannot spend funds that you do not yet have.
- For students with carryover balances, any out-of-pocket purchases being

submitted for reimbursement must have sufficient funds available in the student's account at the time of purchase. If the carryover balance isn't sufficient to cover the full amount of the purchase, you must wait until August 15, 2025 to make the purchase.

Story of Hope



The Hope Scholarship is giving West Virginia families an opportunity to find the right educational home, like Laurel Academy in Preston County. Click above to hear one family's testimonial.

Share Your Story!



We want to hear from you!

The Hope Scholarship official website now allows Hope Scholarship families to share their experience with the Hope Scholarship Program. Click the link below to tell us how Hope Scholarship has positively impacted your family.

[Share Your Story](#)

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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