



Important Process Change in Hope Scholarship Online Portal



Hope Scholarship Board staff are currently in the process of updating the status of all students from Conditionally Eligible and Eligible status to Approved status who are now in compliance with the annual academic reporting requirements and NOI requirements, respectively. If your Hope student is in compliance, you should see their status change by the end of the week.

Once your student's Hope Scholarship application status is updated to Approved, all participating Hope Scholarship account holders will take action in the online portal to select either "Individualized Instructional Plan (IIP)" or their student's participating microschool or nonpublic school for the 2025-2026 school year.

Individualized Instructional Plan (IIP) will be the first option in the drop-down list, followed by the list of participating schools and microschools in alphabetical order. When selecting a school from the list, please note the city indicated for the school since we have multiple schools with the same name. The city will help identify the correct school for your student.

Please see the written instructions found in the [Hope Scholarship Program Parent Portal Guide](#) or watch the quick video tutorial of this process below.

How to Select a School or IIP for the 2025-2026 Academic Year



Coming Soon! New Search Functionality

Student First Technologies will soon have an additional search function in the online portal Marketplace. **Hope Scholarship account holders will be able to search by type of service based on the broad category of service identified by the service provider.** For example, if you would like to see all vendors who provide tutoring services, you will select Tutoring from the drop-down list and only vendors with approved tutoring services in the online portal will display.

You will be able to search by the following categories of services:

- Academic Portfolio Reviews
- After-School Programs
- Alternative Education Programs
- Arts Instruction (Performing Arts, Music, etc.)
- Contracted Public School Services
- Dual Credit or College Level Courses
- Physical Education/Athletics
- Programs of Study (ex: Homeschool Courses)
- Specialized Services/Other
- Summer Education Programs
- Therapy
- Transportation
- Tutoring
- Virtual Education Programs

**Reminder:
New Hope Scholarship Students Must**

Submit NOI to the County Board of Education to be Funded for 2025-2026

In order for your new student's 2025-2026 Hope Scholarship application to be funded, your student must be in compliance with the statutory requirement to send a Hope Scholarship Notice of Intent (NOI) to the county board of education where you reside. **If you have not already submitted your child's NOI to the county board of education, please do so immediately so that your student's status can be updated to Approved and there is no delay in your child's first semester funding.** The Hope Scholarship NOI form can be found [HERE](#). Please email the completed NOI form to the county board of education using the special email address created for such communication. The email addresses for each county board of education can be found [HERE](#). We do not recommend mailing or hand-delivering your NOI to the county board of education.

If your newly participating Hope Scholarship student's status does not change from Eligible to Approved this week and you have already submitted an NOI to the county board of education, please contact your local county board of education for assistance. With the increased volume of Hope students, the county could have made a clerical error and simply missed entering your student's NOI into WVEIS. We unfortunately also see families who turn in traditional homeschool NOIs instead of Hope Scholarship NOIs, resulting in the county board of education tracking those students as exemption (c) students instead of as exemption (m) Hope students. We believe there are also some students who participated in Hope in a prior year and subsequently returned to public school who have now reapplied for Hope for 2025-2026. Those students must submit a new NOI to the county board of education since their NOI from a prior year has been terminated in WVEIS.

If your student participated in the Hope Scholarship Program in 2024-2025, your current NOI will automatically roll-forward in WVEIS and you do not need to take action. You only need to submit a new NOI if you are changing Hope educational pathways or have a change in your student's address or other contact information.

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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