



NEW
FOR
2026-27
SCHOOL YEAR

EXISTING PRIVATE SCHOOL AND
HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS WILL
BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE
HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Hope Scholarship funds can be used to pay for:

Nonpublic School Tuition and Fees | Tutoring | Therapy
Curriculum and Supplies | Virtual Programs | Any other qualifying
expense approved by the Hope Scholarship Board

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS
FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
OPEN MARCH 2, 2026 AT
HOPESCHOLARSHIPWV.GOV**





Application Checklist

You will need the following information/documents to complete your student's online application:

- Your child's birth certificate issued by a state or county – not hospital.
- Proof of West Virginia residency demonstrated by one of the following criteria that matches the physical address used on the application:
 - *Current tax records;*
 - *Proof of West Virginia home ownership, such as a mortgage document or homeowner's insurance;*
 - *A valid West Virginia vehicle registration card;*
 - *A valid West Virginia driver's license or issued identification when presented with a second form of accepted proof of residency;*
 - *Current public assistance through the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources;*
 - *Two West Virginia utility bills no more than 60 days old from two different companies, not including termination notices. The following are considered utilities: water, gas, electric, telephone, cellular phone, garbage, internet and cable; or*
 - *Optional Plaid residency verification: Plaid is a residency verification and authentication process in lieu of the manual submission of proof of residency documentation from the list above. Account holders have the option to scan a picture of their valid driver's license or other state-issued verification card. Plaid authenticates the identification document using various databases available to confirm residency of the Account Holder.*
- Your child's grade level for the year for which you are applying for the scholarship.
- Your child's WVEIS ID# assigned by a West Virginia public school. This can be found on your child's report card or school lunch bill. If you are not sure of your child's WVEIS ID# or you do not believe they already have one, please complete the WVEIS ID# Request Form to request one from your local county board of education. Parents can locate the form on our website at hopescholarshipwv.gov.

Once a student's application is found eligible, the student must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to their local county board of education. More information about the NOI process can be found at hopescholarshipwv.gov.

**See our Hope Scholarship FAQs for additional information regarding
Program requirements at hopescholarshipwv.gov**