

# Support Educational Opportunity Accounts in Pennsylvania

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**W**hen a family chooses to enroll children in a Christian school, the public school district to which the family is assigned based on geography currently receives all of the state funds necessary to educate that child. *The money doesn't follow the child.*

As a result, many families cannot afford a private school education that would better meet their individual needs and their children remain in public schools where, quite possibly, their specific needs are unmet.

Under the Excellence in Education for All Act, eligible children (defined presently as children with special needs, children from a military family, children from a low-income family, or children assigned to a low-achieving school) have the opportunity to apply for an Educational Opportunity Account (EOA). Each child that qualifies would receive a state-funded amount equal to approximately the current average state funding per student. Based on 2019-2020 data, that would be over \$6,000 per student and the amount for students with special needs would be increased using the state's special education multiplier.

***This is an important piece of legislation.*** Recent polls taken before schools were closed due to COVID-19 indicate that approximately 73% of Pennsylvanians support education scholarship accounts. With the challenges schools faced during the global pandemic, it is likely that even more families would support EOAs.

***Please reach out to your legislators*** to let them know how important the Educational Opportunity Accounts are for students who attend Pennsylvania private schools. Implore them to support the legislation so that every deserving child can receive the education that he or she needs. The House has passed the bill on April 28th which moves Educational Opportunity Accounts farther than they have ever gone in PA! ***We want to thank the House and ask the Senate and Governor to pass this important bill.***

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