K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

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Who can apply for a grant?

Families of any child in Virginia, including and public, private, parochial or home-school children in grades K-12 residing in Virginia who meets the school-age requirements in §22.1-1, Code of Virginia and has not graduated are eligible to apply for a K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant.

What do I need to apply for a grant?

The **$1,500 K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant** has three requirements: that the child resides in Virginia, is of school-age, and has not graduated.

What do I need to provide to show residency in Virginia?

You will need ONE recent form of address verification that matches the residential address and name listed on your application: Utility Bill* (gas, electric, water, etc.); Government-Issued Mail* (TANF, SNAP, tax return, voter registration card, tax assessment, etc.); Mortgage Statement for that residence*; OR Driver's License or State Issued ID**

    *Recent: If monthly, the recent statement should be within the last 3 months. If annual, the recent statement would be the current or previous year (if applicable).
    **Document must be current and not expired (if applicable).

What if my child is not of school-age?

If your child is **not** school-age, you will need to submit a signed letter from your child's healthcare provider confirming this child has a disability eligible under the Commonwealth of Virginia that allows the definition of "school-age" to be extended for children whose second birthday falls on or before September 30th to 22 years of age.

The **$3,000 K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant** is an Income-Qualified grant which requires the submission of documentation of family income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines in addition to the requirements that the child live in Virginia with residency documentation, is of school-age, and has not graduated.

Applicants may review the Additional Required Documentation for the $3,000 grant.

My child is homeschooled or attends private school. Can I apply for the grant?

Yes, any child in Virginia who is of school-age is eligible for a K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant, including and public, private, parochial or home-school children in grades K-12 residing in Virginia who meet the school-age requirements in §22.1-1, Code of Virginia.

How can the grant be used?

The K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants may be used for:

1. **Tutoring services** - may be provided in-person, virtually, or hybrid, and in one-on-one, small group, or large-group settings.
2. **Specialized educational therapy services and supports** - Speech and language therapy. Specialized reading instruction, or other specific services provided by a licensed practitioner recognized by any state board or agency.
3. **Assistive Technology** - assistive technology devices and services and augmentative communication devices to be used primarily in the home and community settings. Note: the amount of an awarded grant that may be used for qualifying assistive technology costs is limited to $750.

When can I use the grant for my child?

After you apply for your K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant and receive the notice of award, you must respond to the notification, access your ClassWallet Account, and accept the Parent Agreement and Acknowledgement for the grant. You may then immediately select and purchase services from an approved tutor or educational service provider for your child through your ClassWallet Account. Parents must activate their ClassWallet Account with 14 days of the grant award and begin expending the grant funds in 30 days, or the funds will be returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia for distribution to benefit other children's learning needs.

What happens if I don't activate or use my child's grant?

K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants are provided to serve the learning needs of your child and are meant for prompt use. Grant awards in ClassWallet Accounts which are not activated or grant funds which are not spent after 30 days, will be pulled, and returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia for distribution to other children to benefit their learning needs.

Do the grants expire? How long do I have to use my child's grant?

Yes, grant funds do expire. To promote the use of the funds to best serve the learning needs of children, all K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants require that funds be spent by the following dates:

For $1,500 K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants:

Parents must expend:	By grant award expenditure dates:	Grant balance $1,500:
at least $750	8/15/2023	$750
the remaining amount, up to $750	12/15/2023	$0

For $3,000 K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants:

Parents must expend:	By grant award expenditure dates:	Grant balance $3,000:
at least $750	8/15/2023	$2,250
at least $750	12/15/2023	$1,500
at least $750	4/15/2024	$750
the remaining amount, up to $750	8/15/2024	$0

Can I pay my child's tuition in private school with the grant?

No, any funds awarded under a K-12 Learning Acceleration Grant must be used with approved tutors or education service providers for approved services.

What if I don't spend the whole grant amount for my child?

Grants must be promptly used to support children's learning. Parents will be prompted with reminders to utilize the funds in the child's account. If a parent ClassWallet Account is not activated within 14 days of notification of grant award, if no funds are spent after 30 days, or if funds remain at the time the grant expires, the funds will be returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia for distribution to benefit other children's learning needs.