

External Scholarship or Educational Savings Account

Each organization has their own application process, deadline, and requirements. We have no influence on the decisions of these organizations for awarding scholarships or ESAs.

Alabama Opportunity Scholarship Fund

The Alabama Accountability Act of 2013 permitted the formation of non-profit “scholarship granting organizations” (SGO). These SGOs are funded by individual and corporate contributions and provide scholarships to financially eligible, lower income K2-12th grade students in the state of Alabama. SGO scholarships can provide some or all of the funding for students to attend an independent school like Covenant Christian School.

How to Apply

Be sure to check the AOSF Website regularly for information on applying for the 2025-2026 academic year. Students who already receive AOSF may be able to transfer their scholarship to Covenant Christian School. Contact AOSF for more information.

For questions email: help@alosf.org

New scholarships are awarded to students in K5-12th grade who are reaching K5 age OR are enrolling in a private school for the first time for the 2025-2026 school year. These are income-based scholarships, and preference is given to students zoned to a public school deemed a “priority school” (those scoring a D or F on the 2023 School Report Card for the state of Alabama). A list of priority schools is provided below. Scholarship applications are usually accepted beginning in March. Please check the AOSF website often for more information.

CHOOSE Act Alabama

A new law in Alabama that was signed into law by Governor Kay Ivey on March 7, 2024, the CHOOSE Act makes refundable income tax credits available in an educational savings account (ESA) to pay up to \$7,000 of tuition and other qualifying educational expenses for K5-12 students. It will start in the 2025-2026 school year.

Who qualifies for an ESA through the CHOOSE Act?

Any child aged 5-19, who is a resident of Alabama. Priority is given to certain groups and it changes for the next couple school years. They are categorized below.

School year 25-26

- 1st 500 awards for students with special needs
- Dependents of active-duty service members who are zoned for a priority school
- Students whose family's adjusted gross income from the preceding tax year does not exceed 300% of the poverty level (see table below)

Persons in Family/Household	300% of 2024 Federal Poverty Guideline
1	\$45,180
2	\$61,320
3	\$77,460
4	\$93,600
5	\$109,740
6	\$125,880
7	\$142,020
8	\$158,160
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$16,140 for each additional person.	

In all categories, priority goes first to participating students and their siblings.

How to Apply

- You can apply starting January 2, 2025.
- The application will be open until April 7, 2025, or until all the money is given out.
- Families will find out if they got an ESA starting May 1, 2025.

Remember, this program is new and will start in the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested, make sure to check the official website (chooseact.alabama.gov) for the most up-to-date information and to learn how to apply when the time comes. They are offering parent webinars to help answer questions you may have. You can sign up for those at the website listed above.

Scholarship awards do not guarantee enrollment at Covenant Christian School. Students must first complete the enrollment process at Covenant Christian School to make sure there is space available in their intended grade levels.

State of Alabama Priority Schools

Elementary Schools

Collins-Rhodes Elementary School
Forest Hill Elementary School
George Hall Elementary School
Holloway Elementary School
John Will Elementary School
Maryvale Elementary School

Middle Schools

Booker T. Washington Middle School
Burns Middle School
Chastang-Fournier Middle School
Katherine H Hankins Middle School
Mobile County Training School
Pillans Middle School
Semmes Middle School
The Pathway

High Schools

CF Vigor High School
Citronelle High School
John L Leflore Magnet School
Lillie B Williamson High School