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NOTICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2024-25

[Issued pursuant to Section 115.7915(5)(a) of the state statutes]

This notice serves to inform parents and guardians of students with disabilities that the State of Wisconsin has established the Special Needs Scholarship Program. Under this scholarship program, a child with a disability may be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that allows the child to attend a private school that is participating in the scholarship program.

A parent or guardian who is interested in the Special Needs Scholarship Program should independently verify the participating private schools and the specific terms, eligibility criteria, and application procedures of the scholarship program with the DPI. To be eligible for a scholarship, the child must be a resident of the state and have an individualized education program (IEP) or services plan in effect.

Parents and guardians of students new to the Special Needs Scholarship Program may apply to the program beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Eligible students who currently participate in the Special Needs Scholarship Program will not have to re-apply or submit annual applications to be eligible for a scholarship.

[Special Needs Scholarship Program: Frequently Asked Questions for Parents](#)

Additional information about the Special Needs Scholarship Program should be available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/special-needs-scholarship>
The Special Needs Scholarship Program is further defined under Wis. Stat. § 115.7915 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chap. PI 49.