

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
(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 in Wisconsin 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. However, the following are some of the initial eligibility requirements that a child must meet in order to receive a program scholarship that covers attendance at an eligible private school :

- An individualized education program, or a services plan as defined under 34 C.F.R. §300.37 of the federal special education regulations, must have been completed for the child.
- The child, or the child's parent or guardian on behalf of the child, must have submitted the required application for a program scholarship to the eligible private school that the child will attend.
- The eligible private school that the child will attend must have accepted the child's application to attend the school under a program scholarship.

The DPI makes scholarship payments directly to the child's private school. The Special Needs Scholarship Program is further defined under section 115.7915 of the state statutes. Additional information about the program is available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>.

**CROSS REFERENCES:** 342.1 Programs for Students with Disabilities

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