

ESA QUARTERLY FUNDING DATES:

Q1: July 15-30

Q2: October 15-30

Q3: January 15-30

Q4: April 15-30

Quarter 3 Expense Reports
are due March 20th.

Quarter 3 online expense
reports will be available
February 1, 2018.

ESA is funded quarterly.
Expense Reports are due
quarterly. They may be
submitted online, by mail
or hand delivered.



Payment methods:
PayPal (PayPal goods &
services only to avoid
repayment of fees to
ESA), Square, Phone,
Internet, POS (card
swipe).

EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT (ESA) PROGRAM

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WHAT IS THE ESA PROGRAM?

ESA is an account administered by ADE that is funded by state tax dollars to provide educational options for qualified Arizona students. By opting out of the public-school system, parents can seek a range of alternative educational services, such as private school or home-based education, to tailor an individualized educational plan that is best for their child. Qualifications are based on the most recent legislature and subject to change annually. Parents can apply under the following categories:

- K-12 Student with Disability
- Preschool Student with Disability
- Active Military
- Legal Guardian is Legally Blind, Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Attends a D or F Rated School
- Resides within Indian Reservation
- Sibling of Qualifying Applicant
- Ward of Court

*All forms may be found on the ESA Website
under the "Forms" Tab.*

PARENT HANDBOOK: The parent handbook has been updated only to clarify information that was in the previous version. This was meant to answer questions we often received on clarifying information. There are no changes made to what the statute says and what the program allows.



*The ESA Hotline is available M-F 8am-5pm:
602-364-1969.*

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HELPFUL HINT WHEN REGISTERING YOUR ACCOUNT IN THE PORTAL.

While working to assist an applicant in registering their account, we discovered a solution to an error. Applicants received an error; “invalid character in name” when trying to register their email to create an account. After some light troubleshooting, we discovered that the applicant had a “.” in their name.

If someone signs up with Jr. or W. for an initial, it will give the error when attempting to register their account. The resolution to this problem is to remove the period (“.”). You may do this by calling an ESA Specialist.

EXPENSE REPORT DUE DATES

Expense Reports for **Quarter 3** are due in the office on **March 20th**. The **Quarter 4** Expense Reports are due in the office on **June 20th**. These can be sent electronically, dropped off or mailed in. They must be in the ESA office on or before the 20th.

Just an FYI...funding is still being done quarterly.

ESA PREPAID VISA CARD FROM BANK OF AMERICA

If your card needs to be replaced you can call the ESA hotline for assistance.

ESA INBOX FOR COMMUNICATION

Any comments, questions or concerns can be addressed to ESA@azed.gov or by calling the ESA hotline.