



Tennessee
**Education Savings
Account Program**

ESA Lottery Guidelines

According to [Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2604\(e\)](#), if the Tennessee Education Savings Account (ESA) Program receives more eligible applications than the maximum number of students that may participate in the program for that school year, the ESA Program will hold an **enrollment lottery process**.

Students who participated in the program in the previous school year will automatically be re-enrolled in the program if renewal requirements are met. Therefore, these students would not be impacted by the enrollment lottery process.

If an enrollment lottery is conducted, enrollment preference will be granted in the below order:

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| 1. Eligible students who have a sibling participating in the program; |
| 2. Eligible students zoned to attend a Priority School as defined by the state's accountability system pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-602 ; |
| 3. Eligible students who receive direct certification status under 42 U.S.C. § 1758(b)(4) ; and |
| 4. All other eligible students. |

Enrollment Priority

1



Students with
participating
siblings

2



Students zoned
to attend a
Priority school

3



Students eligible
for direct
certification status

4



All other
eligible
students