

## Hope Scholarship Information

Dear Prospective Families: In 2021 the West Virginia Legislature passed legislation creating the Hope Scholarship, which gives qualified West Virginia families financial support for true educational choice. Faith Christian Academy of Martinsburg, West Virginia will apply to be an Education Service Provider for scholarship funds as soon as that process is available to us.

Qualified West Virginia families can already begin applying for the scholarship dollars. The scholarship applications must be completed and submitted between March 1, 2022 and May 15, 2022. We are including resources here for your review and assistance in making that decision.

Please know that Faith Christian Academy has an [admissions procedure](#) described here on our website that is followed for all applicants. The information below is directly from the [Hope Scholarship Website](#), provided by the office of Mr. Riley Moore, State Treasurer:

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship Program in the 2022-2023 academic year, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be one of the following:

- Eligible for or required to be enrolled in kindergarten
- Enrolled full-time in public elementary or secondary school in West Virginia for an entire instructional term of the 2021-2022 academic year
- Enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school in West Virginia for at least 45 calendar days during the current instructional term at the time of application

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO APPLY FOR THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

- **Parents/guardians must complete a letter of intent to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program. You are responsible for sending it to the county superintendent in your county of residence. [CLICK HERE for a sample Notice of Intent letter](#) that may be used. For incoming kindergarten students who do not yet have a WVIES ID#, please mark “Incoming Kindergarten Student” in WVEIS ID# field. This will help county boards of education assign WVEIS ID#s to such students.**
- **You must create an account through the Education Market Assistant (EMA) portal link (below) before applying.**
- **You will need your child’s WVEIS ID#. This is assigned by your County Board of Education.** (For incoming kindergarten students, assignment of the WVEIS ID# will generally be triggered by submission of your Notice of Intent letter. See above for more information.)
- **For helpful tips regarding the Hope Scholarship application process, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- **For access to the Hope Scholarship Parent Handbook for the 2022-23 School year, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- **For a video tutorial regarding the Hope Scholarship application process, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**\*\*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A lawsuit has been filed which could delay the allocation of funds for at least one school year. Scholarship dollars will not be retroactive, but those who have been accepted will be eligible and receive funds at the date of the resolution of the lawsuit.**