



Dear Parents,

Generally, any student who has been identified as a child with a disability and for whom the district has created an individualized education plan (IEP) qualifies for the Jon Peterson Scholarship (JPSN scholarship) program.

When the student has been identified by their public district as a child with a disability, the child's evaluation team report (ETR) from the district states that the child requires special education and related services under the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA).

The student must also have a current IEP from the district of residence that is finalized and all parties, including the parent, must be in agreement with the IEP. (Under certain circumstances the initial IEP may be written by the district of service.)

A child is eligible to apply to participate in the program when the child is eligible to enter school in any grade from kindergarten through twelve, and if the child meets all other program eligibility requirements.

There are two application periods annually. The first application period begins in February and ends on April 15th. Scholarships awarded to this group of applicants will be for the full school year. The second application period begins in October and ends on November 15th. Scholarships awarded during this second application period will be awarded for half of the school year (January 1 through June 30).

Parents of eligible students must first register with a participating Peterson Scholarship Provider.

The amount of each scholarship will be based on the disability identified on the student's IEP and will not exceed \$27,000.

How do you Apply?

Parent Portal

Parents whose children have the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship now have online access to view their student scholarship information. The parent portal allows real-time access to information such as application status, progress reports and monthly invoices. To register for and access the scholarship system, parents need to take the following four steps:

- Step 1: Setup a [SAFE Account](#) on the Ohio Department of Education Website.
- Step 2: Request parent access to the scholarship system
- Step 3: Verify your child
- Step 4: Access the scholarship record