

# Parent Notification of Scholarship Programs for Students with Disabilities

## When Notification Happens

Each time a school district completes an evaluation for a child with a disability, or begins developing, reviewing or revising a child's IEP, the district must tell your child's parent about the Autism Scholarship Program and the Jon Peterson Scholarship Program.

### Autism Scholarship Program

If your child is receiving special education services under the category of autism, you may qualify for the Autism Scholarship Program. Under the program, you may choose to send your child to a special education program other than the one operated by your school district of residence, where your child will receive the education and services outlined in his or her IEP.

To be eligible for the program, your child must:

- Have been found by your school district of residence to be a child with autism;
- Must have a current IEP from the school district of residence that you agree with and that has been finalized; and
- Must be at least three years old.

For information on the Autism Scholarship Program, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) and type **Autism Scholarship Program** in the search box, or email [autismscholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:autismscholarship@education.ohio.gov).

### Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program

If your child is receiving special education services, you may qualify for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Program. Under this program, you may choose to send your child to a special education program other than the one operated by your school district of residence, where your child will receive the education and services outlined in his or her IEP.

To qualify for a Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship, your child:

- Must have been found by your local school district of residence to be a child with a disability;
- Must have a current IEP from the school district of residence that you agree with and that has been finalized; and
- Must qualify to attend kindergarten through grade 12.

For information on the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program, visit the Ohio Department of Education website at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) and type **Jon Peterson Scholarship** in the search box, or email [peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov).

### Additional Information

Information on scholarship programs is available on the Ohio Department of Education website at [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov).

For more information or questions on these scholarship programs, contact:  
The Office of Nonpublic Educational Options at (614) 466-5743 or toll-free at: (877) 644-6338.