

## LA GATOR Scholarship Program

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The LA GATOR (Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity) Scholarship Program creates the opportunity for parents to use part of their tax dollars to provide the best educational opportunities for their child. Enacted by the 2024 Louisiana legislature (Act 1), this new program will for the first time ever provide education scholarship accounts (ESAs) to Louisiana families. ESAs in K-12 education create a publicly funded and government-authorized savings account with restricted but diverse uses such as private school tuition assistance, tutoring, online learning, or other approved expenses.

LA GATOR will replace the existing Louisiana choice voucher program, commonly referred to as the *Louisiana Scholarship Program*, which will be phased out after the 2024-2015 school year.

LA GATOR will be administered by the Louisiana Department of Education. The amount of funds allocated to family accounts will be determined by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Implementation of LA GATOR will be phased in over the course of multiple years, with the initial phase prioritizing students who participated in the *Louisiana Scholarship Program* voucher program the previous school year.

Please <u>sign up</u> for the LA GATOR newsletter in order to receive program updates as they become available.

## Related Links:

Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry signed the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise Scholarship Program into law on June 19.