



Career Scholarship Accounts Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this frequently asked questions (FAQ) document is to share key information with families and providers who are interested in participating in the Career Scholarship Accounts (CSA) program for the 2026-2027 school year. The Indiana CSA program is a statewide school choice program for students in grades 10-12. Students enrolled in eligible programs to pursue apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, and credentials of value may receive up to \$5,000 annually. The CSA program funds the eligible costs of postsecondary education and training, and approved associated costs. This is the first year that the CSA program is administered by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).

Number	Question	Answer
1	What is the Indiana Career Scholarship Account (CSA)?	The Indiana CSA is an innovative, state-funded scholarship designed to help students pursue their interests through unique career preparation opportunities, while giving local employers a chance to connect with and mentor the next generation of talent.
2	When does the application open for the 2026-2027 school year?	The application will open on March 1, 2026, consistent with previous years. The application will remain open through October 1, 2026.
3	Who administers the CSA program?	This is the first year that the CSA program is administered by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).
4	What is the priority access window?	The applications will open on March 1, 2026. The priority access window will run through April 15, 2026, and is specifically designed for students who received funding through the CSA program in the previous school year. Applications for all eligible students will remain open through October 1, 2026, and are approved on a first come, first served basis.
5	Will applications and payments be processed using the same systems for the 2026-2027 school year?	Yes. Applications will remain on Access Indiana, and payments will continue through ClassWallet.
6	Will I be able to use my current provider in the 2026-2027 school year?	Yes. Approved providers will remain active unless otherwise notified. Additionally, IDOE has added a number of new providers for the 2026-2027 school year.
7	What types of programs can become a CSA program?	The types of programs that can become a CSA program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75+ hours of paid or unpaid internship with a training plan• Paid apprenticeship offering postsecondary credit and resulting in a credential of value (also known as a Modern Youth Apprenticeship).<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ See full definition in IC 20-51.4-2-9.5• Registered Apprenticeship Programs under the U.S. Department of Labor or a State Apprenticeship Agency<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ See full definition in IC 20-43-8-0.3



<p>8</p>	<p>What are the requirements for programs to be eligible under the CSA?</p>	<p>Eligible CSA programs should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transferable Skills and Market-driven Credentials of Value The student should earn recognizable skills that can transfer across an entire industry or industries. Programs should not be so specific that a student is trained to work at only one company. Evidence of transferable skills may include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtaining a credential of value; or ○ Making substantial progress toward a credential of value. ● Career Experience Students in the program must participate in a work-based learning (WBL) experience. For a program to be eligible for funding, it must include a WBL experience; however, all courses in the program are eligible for CSA expenditures, not just the WBL experience. The program does not need to require WBL each year of the program but must include at least one eligible WBL experience. ● Graduation Aligned The program should enhance, not inhibit, a student’s path to graduation. Applicants must outline the graduation requirements that a student will fulfill by participating in the program. ● Career & College Connected The program should effectively prepare a student for a seamless transition to their next step after high school. Applicants must explain how the experience will connect the student with job opportunities immediately upon graduation or how the experience connects with a pathway for continuing education that will prepare the student for employment.
<p>9</p>	<p>What information is required for Program Providers to apply?</p>	<p>Core information required for the application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The credential students will earn as a part of their experience; ● The type of WBL experience to be included; ● A budget breakdown of how the CSA student will utilize the funding across the eligible expense categories. <p>The application window for CSA Program Providers for the 2026-2027 year is currently closed.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>What is a Program Provider?</p>	<p>A provider may be any organization that provides the required services (work-based learning, internships, etc.) outlined in the Program Providers Guide. However, we anticipate most providers will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An employer; ● A trade association or employer organization; ● A labor union or organization; or ● An Intermediary. <p>Providers may fulfill program requirements on their own, or via a partnership with one or more partner organizations (e.g., other business, school, or intermediary partners).</p>



**INDIANA
DEPARTMENT of
EDUCATION**

**Mike Braun, Governor
Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education**

11	What is an intermediary?	<p>Per Indiana law, "intermediary" means an organization that connects individuals with companies looking for new workers. Within the context of CSAs, this typically is an organization serving as a bridge between educational and workforce partners. Intermediaries may be providers for CSA.</p> <p>Intermediary support may include but is not limited to facilitating internship opportunities for students, finding educational or work partners for interested providers, serving as the invoicing entity in a partnership, and facilitating program or parent registration. See IC 21-18-1-3.5.</p>
12	How will payments be reimbursed for eligible expenses?	<p>The CSA program pays providers through the state approved online platform, ClassWallet. Providers must register their bank account information to receive payment for eligible CSA expenses. Invoices that are approved by the Department are typically paid to providers for eligible CSA expenses within 7-10 business days.</p>
13	What is ClassWallet?	<p>ClassWallet is the financial management tool used to pay providers for eligible CSA expenses. Providers must register their bank account information in ClassWallet to receive payment for CSA expenses. Parents use ClassWallet to submit invoices received from providers for eligible CSA expenses.</p>
14	What expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the CSA?	<p>For a list of eligible expenses, please review our CSA Spending Categories Guide.</p>
15	How will IDOE share general information with families/providers?	<p>For the most up-to-date information, visit our website: DOE: Career Scholarship Account.</p>
16	How will families/providers communicate with IDOE if they have a question?	<p>Specific questions can be shared with IDOE via email at CSA@doe.in.gov, as well as via phone at 317-232-0723.</p>
17	How can families and other stakeholders share feedback to strengthen the CSA program and its impact for students?	<p>Feedback can be shared directly with IDOE at CSA@doe.in.gov. IDOE will also proactively engage families and other stakeholders to continuously improve the CSA program.</p>

For additional information, please email csa@doe.in.gov.