



Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment Educational Savings Account Program

What is ACE?

The Ohio **Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE)** Educational Savings Account program provides funds to a student’s parent or guardian to use on various enrichment and educational activities. The program is being offered through a contract between Merit International, Inc. and the Ohio Department of Education.

The ACE Educational Savings Account program provides qualifying families with a **\$1,000 credit** that can be used to pay for a variety of enrichment activities that will accelerate learning for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds can be used for:

- *Before- or after-school educational programs*
- *Day camps, including camps for academics, music and arts*
- *Tuition for learning extension centers*
- *Educational, learning or study skills services*
- *Field trips to historical landmarks, museums, science centers and theaters – including admission, exhibit and program fees*
- *Language classes*
- *Musical instrument lessons*
- *Tutoring*

Which Students Qualify?

The ACE Educational Savings Account program is available to any Ohio child ages 6 - 18 years old whose family income is at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. Eligible children include any who attend Ohio public or nonpublic school.

2022-2023 Income Eligibility Requirements for the ACE Educational Savings Account

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Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (400%)
1	\$54,360
2	\$73,240
3	\$92,120
4	\$111,000
5	\$129,880
6	\$148,760
7	\$167,640
8	\$186,520
For each additional person add:	\$18,880

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation/US Dept of HHS

Program Website: <https://www.aceohio.org/>

Qualifying Programs: <https://www.aceohio.org/marketplace>

Highlights of the Program in the News: [News Channel 5 Story- ACE Program](#)
[Canton Repository Article - ACE Program](#)
[Fox 19 - New ACE Program](#)

Directions on how to Apply: [User Manual](#)