

## 20.- ESA Application (New Families) – How to - Guide

**Task:** To submit the application for ESA.

Go to: <https://iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/> and create an account

The image shows a 'Sign In' form with a dark green header. The form has two input fields: 'E-mail' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Keep me signed in'. A dark green 'Login' button is centered below the fields. Below the button is a link 'Forgot your password?'. At the bottom of the form is a link 'Don't have an account? Sign Up'. An orange box with the text 'Click Here' has an arrow pointing to the 'Sign Up' link.

The image shows a 'Create Parent / Guardian Account' form with a dark green header. The form has five input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'E-mail Address', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. Below the password field is a small question mark icon. Below the confirm password field is a 'Confirm Password' label. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Create Account' (green) and 'Login' (grey). On the left side of the form, there are five orange boxes with instructions, each with an arrow pointing to a corresponding field or button:

- Type the parent's **first** name
- Type the parent's **last** name
- Type the parent's **email address**
- Choose** a password
- Retype** the password
- Click here to create account

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After the account is created, we can start the application.

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Thank you for registering with Iowa's Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) Program.  
Learn more about ESA program eligibility requirements by visiting the Department of Education's [ESA](#) web page.

The first step to determine eligibility in order to participate in the ESA program is to complete a household application.  
Begin by clicking 'Start Application' below.

Start Application

Click here to start the application

Fill out all required information

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### Parent/Guardian Information

Enter Parent/Guardian contact information.

Parent/Guardian's Legal First Name \*

Parent/Guardian's Legal Middle Name

Parent/Guardian's Legal Last Name \*

Email Address \*

Phone Number \*

Preferred Language \*

### Address Information

Enter current residential address.

Parent/Guardian Address \*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

☐ A different address was used on my 2024 Iowa State Tax Return

Click here

*If 2024 Income Tax shows a different address check this box*

Next

[Save & Exit](#)

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### Household Information

#### Student Applications

Add each student for whom an ESA is being requested.

Enter student's legal name and date of birth. Click the checkbox if the student does not share the same residential address as the parent/guardian.

After all students have been added, click "Next".

Click the "Save & Exit" button to save the application progress in order to return and complete it at a later time.

*Make sure to write down the name as shown on birth certificate.*

The screenshot shows the 'Add Student' form with the following fields and controls:

- Student's Legal First Name \***: Text input field.
- Student's Legal Middle Name**: Text input field.
- Student's Legal Last Name \***: Text input field.
- Date of Birth \***: Three separate input fields for Month, Day, and Year.
- ☒ Same Address as Parent/Guardian: A checkbox that is currently checked.
- + Add Student**: A green button with a plus icon.
- Navigation buttons**: 'Previous' (blue), 'Next' (green, highlighted with a yellow border), and 'Save & Exit' (blue).

Annotations include a blue arrow pointing from the 'Add Student' button to the 'Same Address as Parent/Guardian' checkbox, and an orange arrow pointing from the 'Next' button to a text box.

*If a student lives at a different address uncheck this box and fill out student's address.*

Fill out all student information, click on **"Add Student"** if enrolling more than one student. Then click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Student's Address' form with the following fields and controls:

- ☐ Same Address as Parent/Guardian: A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Student's Address \***: Section header.
- Enter a location**: Text input field.
- Address Line 1**: Text input field.
- Address Line 2**: Text input field.
- City**: Text input field.
- State**: Dropdown menu with 'Iowa' selected.
- Zip Code**: Text input field.

An annotation includes a blue arrow pointing from the 'If a student lives at a different address...' text to the 'Same Address as Parent/Guardian' checkbox.

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### Consent & Approvals

Please enter your Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) to verify program eligibility.

If you filed your 2024 Iowa State Tax Return in a married status, whether jointly or separately, **you must include the Spouse's information** to proceed with the application.

☒ I did not file a 2024 Iowa State Tax Return.

Check this box only if **NO Income Tax** was filed.

Review each individual statement and check the box to affirm your understanding and agreement.

#### Guardianship Checks

- ☒ I have the legal authority to request an education savings account for the student(s) in this application.
- ☒ I confirm the student(s) included in this application have not been claimed on another application.

#### Site Release

☒ The State of Iowa and Odyssey may share information to verify my application information.

#### Communication Consent:

Please select at least one communication preference to proceed.

- ☒ I agree to receive email communications related to this application and the education savings account(s).
- ☒ I agree to receive text communications related to this application and the education savings account(s).
- ☒ I agree to receive phone call communications related to this application and the education savings account(s).

Check all boxes to Approve & Consent.

Click here

Previous

Next

Save & Exit

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### Parent/Guardian Acknowledgments

Review each individual statement and check the box to affirm your understanding and agreement.

Please note: **All boxes must be checked in order to proceed.**

- ☒ I affirm that the information in this application is true and complete.
- ☒ I understand that I must follow [Iowa Code section 257.118](#) and the administrative rules implementing the statute.
- ☒ I understand students participating in an educational savings account are required to take all applicable state and federally required student assessments, which may or may not be provided directly by the school, and for which results are required to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education.
- ☒ I understand it is my responsibility to know and follow the applicable law.
- ☒ I understand that the State of Iowa and Odyssey will take action if my information is incorrect or false.
- ☒ I consent to sharing my information and each child's information with and by any individual or organization necessary to participate in the program and to receive the program's benefits, including but not limited to, verifiable information from student records under [FERPA \(20 U.S.C. § 1232g\)](#).
- ☒ I understand that any individual or organization will keep the information private and protected and not release it without my consent, unless my consent is not required by this release or under applicable state or federal law.
- ☒ I understand this agreement is binding for as long as I participate and each child participates in the program and applies to any information given or benefit received.
- ☒ I understand that ESA funds will be used first to pay each semester's bill of tuition and fees (after any credits to that bill, such as scholarships or discounts) for my child. I may not pay a portion of my child's tuition bill out of my own pocket if I have currently available funds in my child's ESA account.
- ☒ By marking this checkbox, the undersigned authorizes the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) to release to the Iowa Department of Education any of the undersigned's information related to state income tax.

Check all boxes to Approve & Consent.

Draw signature here.

Parent/Guardian Digital Signature \*

Date \*

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Previous

Submit

Save & Exit

Click here to **finish and submit** the application.

*Additional verification could be required such as proof of Iowa residency.*

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**Task:** To upload additional information.

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**Additional Information Required**

Additional information is required to verify eligibility as the automated process was unable to confirm eligibility. Please upload documents as provided below.

[Verify Iowa Residency](#)

**Destiny Garcia** **Application Status: Requires Manual Review**

Your application requires manual review. To proceed, please ensure you submit all the required documents.

Upload Documents By April 26, 2025 (9 days remaining)

Please upload documentation to meet requirements for one of the residency verification options below. Once submitted, please note this process can take up to 10 business days for an application update.

Documents to Upload

Option 1:

- Current Iowa Driver's License (issued before June 30, 2025)

Option 2:

- Proof of Residence (current mortgage, lease, or utility bill)

And one of the following:

- Iowa Voter Registration Card
- Claim of Homestead Credit or Military Tax Exemption on a home in Iowa
- Active checking or savings account with an Iowa address
- Other documents and correspondence initiated during tax periods with an Iowa address

Option 3:

- Other written and signed narrative from parent/guardian explaining the situation including a stated claim of Iowa residency; and other related documentation reflecting residency.

Drag & Drop Files Here  
or  
[Choose Files](#)

PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, DOC, DOCS (Max 5 files, 10MB each)

[Submit Files](#)

*Documents need to be PDF, JPG, PNG, DOC or DOCS (Max 5 files, 10MB per file).*

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**Destiny Garcia** **Application Status: Under Manual Review**

Thank you for submitting the requested documentation. Questions regarding the status of your application may be directed to the Odyssey Support Team at [help.ia@withodyssey.com](mailto:help.ia@withodyssey.com)