



Elite Scholars STEAM Academy
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Tuition & Fees

2019 Summer Program & 2019-2020 School Year

The following tuition and fee structure will be in place for the 2019-2020 school year. Please be aware that payment of tuition is necessary for the child to remain an actively enrolled student at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy.

The following copies of items are required with the completed application: immunization record, state issued birth certificate, social security card, photo, and previous school's grades and standardized test results. The required items noted above and the enrollment fees must accompany the returned application.

Application Fee	\$ 75	Per new student
Enrollment / Re-Enrollment Fees	\$375 / \$275	Per full-day students
	\$275	Per half-day Preschool-Kindergarten

APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. Payment of these fees will guarantee that we will hold a slot for your child at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy. [Only if the class fills or if the student is not accepted after the interview is the enrollment fee returned to the parent. The application fee (\$75) will not be refunded for any reason.] **Please read the Financial Commitment Statement carefully.**

- February 15 - March 15:** Priority is given to currently enrolled students. New applicants may submit application forms, which will be coded with date of application; these are held until April when the interview process for new parents begins. Preference for interviews will be given to those families who submit application forms with earliest date.
- March 15:** Priority is given to currently enrolled students as well as their family referrals.
- April - July:** Enrollment is open to all. Newly approved applicants will be placed in classes where there is space per the date order in which the application was received.

TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Parents have three options to pay for their child's education while attending ESSA. Parents, you may choose either of the following payment choices that best meet your family's age and needs.

NOTE: Monthly tuition is based on a 10-month period with the first payment of tuition due on the first of each month beginning August 1st and ending on May 1st.

Class Type & Yearly Tuition

Half-day: Pre-Kindergarten (3 yr. old - Potty Trained)	\$4,750
Full-day: Pre-Kindergarten (3 yr. old - Potty Trained)	\$6,500
Full-day: Kindergarten through 8 th Grade	\$6,000

ESSA EXTENDED BEFORE & AFTER CARE

(for enrolled ESSA Students ONLY)

Students arriving (before school) from 6:30am – 8:00am
or
Students staying (after school) from 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Prices

\$500/year (\$750/year for both)
\$75/month (\$115/month for both)
\$25/week (\$40/week for both)

If ESSA students are dropped-off before 8:00am or picked-up after 3:30pm and proof of Extended Before & After Care service has not been verified, you will be charged the weekly service of \$25 for that entire week (to be billed on the following month's invoice). ESSA does not have daily rates.

NOTE: We understand that emergencies may occur and that work schedules may change last minute.

It is your responsibility to come in personally and speak with ESSA's School Administrator for ESSA's Extended Daycare pricing options.

OTHER 2019-2020 SCHOOL FEES

Textbooks Fee: \$100 per year

Uniforms Fee: Parents are expected to purchase required ESSA School Uniforms

School Supplies Fee: Parents are expected to bring in items from ESSA's Student Supplies Lists

Maker's Space Fee: Parents may choose to donate \$20 and/or bring in items from Teacher's Lists

ESSA SUMMER PROGRAM (June 10 – July 26 / 9am-3pm)

2019 Summer Program: \$200 per week

Summer Program Books & Supplies/Materials Fee

Each ESSA Summer Program Student: \$10 per week

***NOTE:** The 5 Summer Program Field Trips costs are extra. ESSA Extended Before & After Care costs are extra (weekly/monthly prices listed above).*

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Multi-child Family Tuition Discount

First additional enrollment after the oldest child (Second Child): 10%

(If enrolling more than two children please see school Administrator for discount)

Military Tuition Discount

Military families are offered a 10% discount.

***NOTE:** The discounts above do not apply to the enrollment / re-enrollment fee nor any other fees.*

Families receiving scholarship grants or Tuition Assistance do not qualify for any additional discounts.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition assistance is available on an as-needed basis. Applications are processed by the School and Student Services for Financial Aid, an offering of the National Association of Independent Schools, which provides an objective; third-party financial aid needs assessment. Information and applications may be obtained from Elite Scholars STEAM Academy or online at sss.nais.org/parents. All award decisions are made in strictest confidence by the Tuition Assistance Committee. Elite Scholars STEAM Academy welcomes tuition assistance applications. Enrollment Contracts and deposits must be returned before awards are made.

INVEST IN KIDS ACT (Scholarship)

All Illinois families are entitled to apply for a scholarship that will provide school of choice. Low to middle class families can apply for scholarships that will be awarded in the amount of 100%, 75%, or 50% in order to pay your child(ren) tuition and fees. You can visit www.empowerillinois.org and complete an application and review resources to see if your family will qualify. Please apply as soon as possible. The scholarships are only available as long as the Department of Revenue has funds to award.



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2019-2020 Fee Agreement

At the time of Enrollment, the undersigned Parent or Guardian understands that they will be billed at the rate of \$ _____ per academic year, per child(ren). Full day classes will be held from 8:20am – 3:20pm. ESSA Extended Before & After Care is available if needed. Please specify this need on the Enrollment Form.

Four plans are available for payment of tuition:

_____ **Option I - Single payment of full year's Tuition**

- ❖ Due upon registration

_____ **Option II - Tuition divided into two payments**

- ❖ First payment due upon registration
- ❖ Second payment due January 1st

_____ **Option III - Ten monthly payments of Tuition**

- ❖ A \$50 one-time service charge applies to monthly payments
- ❖ Due by the 5th business day of each month (beginning August 1st and ending on May 1st)

_____ **Option IV - Four payments of Tuition**

- ❖ A \$20 one-time service charge applies to quarterly payments
- ❖ First payment due upon Enrollment
- ❖ Second payment due October 1st
- ❖ Third payment due December 1st
- ❖ Final payment due February 1st

Note: Monthly and quarterly Tuition payments not made on the due date will incur a \$75 late charge fee. After ten (10) days of non-payment a \$5 fee will be added to each day starting on the 11th day. A 1% fee will be applied to payments made via credit or debit cards.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Date

Signature of Provider

Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

1. **Enrollment Fee:** As a Parent or Legal Guardian, I understand that the \$375 / \$275 enrollment is given as a consideration that my child has a slot at Elite Scholars STEAM Academy for the school year. I understand that this fee will not be refunded under any circumstances if my child is accepted as a student by the Head of School and the President of the School Board. Only if my child is not accepted will the Enrollment Fee be refunded. The \$75 application fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

2. **Tuition Payments:**

- o **Summer payments:** June - July
- o **Fall payments:** August - December
- o **Spring payments:** January - May

1) *Payments are due on the first day of each month and considered late after 5 business days.*

2) *If all Tuition is not paid, no student will be allowed to attend class after the last day of that month.*

3. **Fall Semester Withdrawals:** I understand that if I choose to withdraw my child(ren) from ESSA after signing this Enrollment Form and being accepted for the next school year, then I am responsible for paying the full Fall Semester Tuition. The school has agreed to hold the slot for the child; if the child does not attend, then the Tuition must be paid because the school has possibly turned away other students who were eligible for the slot. This policy is in effect regardless of whether there is a waiting list for the class.

NOTE: Consideration will be given for families with extenuating circumstances.

4. **Spring Semester Withdrawals:** All requests for withdrawal for the Spring Semester must be made on or before November 15th. Any withdrawals made after November 15th will result in withdrawal charges of the Spring Semester's Tuition payment.

I understand that if I should seek to withdraw my child(ren) without clearing my financial indebtedness, the following has occurred:

- 1) I have violated the contract I signed;
- 2) I have forfeited the right to request ESSA to transfer my child's academic and health records to another school until I have cleared my indebtedness;
- 3) I have subjected myself to the legally-binding arbitration process as prescribed in the "conciliation clause," which is included in this enrollment packet.

*NOTE: Parents, you are charged for all hours of care that you reserve, even if you do not use them.
Parents, you are paying for the "slot" that is being held for your child.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____ Date Signed: _____