



Elite Scholars STEAM Academy

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TUITION & FEES

The following tuition and fee structure will be in place for the current school year. Please be aware that payment of tuition is necessary for the child to remain an actively enrolled student at ESSA.

APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT FEES

Application Fee \$75 (Per New Student)

Enrollment \$250/Re-Enrollment Fees \$150 (Per Student)

Child #1 () Child #2 ()

Total: _____

APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

Payment of these fees will guarantee that we will hold a slot for your child at ESSA. [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.

Enrollment is open throughout the year, and students may begin classes at any point, provided that all necessary paperwork has been submitted and there is availability in the proper class.

YEARLY TUITION

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

Class Type & Yearly Tuition

Pre-Kindergarten Junior (3 - 3.5 years old): \$9,500

Pre-Kindergarten Senior (4 - 4.5 years old): \$8,500

Kindergarten through 6th Grade: \$7,500

Child #1 () Child #2 ()

Total: _____

YEARLY SUPPLIES & MATERIALS FEES (Non-Refundable Total of \$400 to be paid during Enrollment)

\$100 Dance Shoes & Outfit(s): Ballet Shoes /Recital Outfit(s) (K+)

\$75 IOWA Tests Fee: Required Yearly Assessment (K+)

\$100 Curriculum Fee: Textbooks / Workbooks / Copies

\$35 ESSA Uniform Hoodie

\$50 School Supplies Fee: Excludes Backpack/Lunch Bag/Water Bottle

\$40 Maker's Space Fee: Supplies Required for Experiments and Projects

Child #1 Child #2

PAYMENT OPTIONS

All fees can be paid with cash, check (payable to "ESSA"), CashApp (\$VickiDam), Venmo (@VickiDam), or Zelle (510-213-1975). Please pay as Friends & Family to avoid transaction fees.

SCHOOL HOURS 8:45 AM - 3:45 PM

ESSA EXTENDED BEFORE & AFTER CARE (For Enrolled ESSA Students Only)

BEFORE CARE

Students arriving before school from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
and/or

AFTER CARE

Students staying after school from 4 PM – 5:30 PM

PRICES YEARLY: \$500 for Before **OR**
After (\$750/year for both)

MONTHLY: \$50 for Before **OR** After
(\$75/month for both)

If ESSA students are dropped-off before 8:30 AM and/or picked-up after 4 PM and Extended Before & After Care service has not been purchased, you will be charged a service fee of \$25 for that entire week (to be billed on the following month's invoice). ESSA does not have daily rates.

We understand that emergencies may occur and that work schedules may change at the last minute. It is your responsibility to contact ESSA's Head of School for Extended Care pricing options.

NOTES: _____

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Multi-Child Family Tuition Discount: The youngest child's tuition will be the full amount; additional child(ren) will receive a 10% discount.

(For example: The Smith Family is enrolling 3 children: Sam (PreKJ), Jamie (K), and Riley (2nd). The Tuition amount for Sam is the full \$9,500; Tuition for Jamie & Riley will be \$6,750 each)

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, including the Summer Program fees. Families receiving scholarship grants or Tuition Assistance do not qualify for any additional discounts.

TUITION ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Tuition Assistance: 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, 3rd-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. ESSA welcomes tuition assistance applications. Enrollment Contracts and deposits must be submitted 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's tuition and fees. Visit www.empowerillinois.org to complete an application and review resources to see if your family qualifies. Please apply as soon as possible. The scholarships are only available as long as the Department of Revenue has funds to award.