

State Programs

Seven states already have private school voucher or tax-credit scholarship programs specifically designed for students with disabilities. Others this year are considering adding programs or expanding existing ones.

STATE	PROGRAM	YEAR ENACTED	STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR 2011-12	\$ SPENT IN 2011-12
Arizona	Empowerment Scholarship Account program	2011	154	\$1.3 million
	Lexie's Law*	2009	116**	\$561,029**
Florida	McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities	1999; expanded in 2011 to include students with Section 504 plans in addition to special education students	23,201 students with disabilities; 414 students with 504 plans	\$150 million
Georgia	Georgia Special Needs Scholarship	2007	2,364**	\$16.2 million**
Louisiana	School choice pilot program for certain students with exceptionalities	2010	186	\$400,647
Ohio	Ohio Autism Scholarship Program	2003	1,978	\$31.4 million
	John Petersen Special Needs Scholarship Program	2011	enrollment has just begun for the 2012-13 school year; about 11,750 scholarships will be available	\$0
Oklahoma	Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program	2010	151	\$1.2 million
Utah	Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship	2005	682	\$3.7 million

*This program includes foster children.

**Data are for the 2010-11 school year, the most recent available.

SOURCES: *Education Week*; State Education Departments