



Program Timeline

GOSA List is Released

- The list of eligible school districts is released at the end of each calendar year and is posted on mygeorgiapromise.org.
- The GOSA list will apply to the following year. For example, the December 2025 list will apply to the 2026 calendar year.

Prior to Applying

- Parents and guardians should utilize the pre-screen tool at mygeorgiapromise.org to determine their student's eligibility prior to applying to the program.

Student Application Periods

- Quarterly student application periods will be posted on mygeorgiapromise.org each year. Two application periods are open during the spring semester, and the other two periods are open during the fall semester. Each application period is for enrollment in the following semester.
- *Please note:* families with an income above 400% FPL will only be considered in the spring (March and May) application windows. Families with an income under 400% FPL may apply in any application period.

Gather Required Documents

- *Proof of Georgia Residency:* A Georgia Driver's License, as well as one of the following residency documents: most recent utility bill, most recent

mortgage statement, deed or HUD (closing disclosure) statement, or lease agreement.

- **Active-Duty Military:** If you have transferred to Georgia within the last 12 months, you will be required to upload a copy of your active-duty orders in lieu of the residency document.
- **Proof of Income:** Most recent federal 1040 form.
 - **Additional approved income documents:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- **School Enrollment Records:** Documentation of attendance for the two prior consecutive public school semesters preceding the school semester for which you are applying for, such as a report card or attendance report.
 - **Please note:** If your student is a rising kindergartener, school enrollment records are not required.

Complete Application and Submit Required Documents

- Complete Odyssey's student application.
- The application can be accessed through mygeorgiapromise.org.

Review Process

- Once the application period closes, applications are reviewed and eligibility is determined.
- Student account statuses will be updated throughout each stage of the process. Account statuses are defined below.
 - **Eligible:** Student **preliminarily** qualifies for the program pending document verification.
 - **Under Review:** Application is under review.
 - **Ineligible:** Student does not qualify for the program.
 - **Closed:** Account closed by Odyssey; once an application has been closed, a parent may reapply if necessary.

- *Approved - Awaiting Opt-In:* All documents have been verified, and the student has been approved and must now complete the opt-in process.
- *Approved:* Student has opted into the program and will receive funds at the start of the next semester and every quarter thereafter.
- *Opted Out:* Student has opted out of the program and will not be receiving funds.
- Once a student's status is "approved – awaiting opt-in," the parent/guardian must complete the opt-in process.
 - Participation will be confirmed on the parent portal by the parent.
 - Parent must make education selections for each participating student.
 - Statuses will be updated automatically after completing these steps.

Educational Method Selection

- Following the completion of the application, parents can select from three educational choices. The educational choices are defined below.
 - *Private School:* A private school that has notified GESA of its intention to participate in the program, complies with GESA's requirements, and can receive Promise funds.
 - *Non-Participating Private School:* A private school that has not notified GESA of its intention to participate in the program, is not in compliance with GESA's requirements, and cannot receive Promise funds.
 - *Home study:* An educational program that meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690(c).

Appeals Process

- If a student is ineligible, their parent/guardian can appeal the decision.
- The parent/guardian will contact Odyssey's customer support to begin the appeal process.
- Appeals must be submitted within 30 days of receiving notice of the student's ineligibility reason and the appeals link.

Funding

- Accounts are funded quarterly. Please note that each application period is for enrollment in the following semester.
- If attending a participating private school, parents must initiate payment for tuition.
- *Rollover*: Up to 50% of awarded Promise Scholarship funds from an academic year may be carried forward to the following academic year.

Recertification Process

- Annual recertification is sent to parents/guardians.
- Parents/guardians may update any outdated or incorrect information at this time.

Annual Testing

- Students must complete the annual testing requirement to remain eligible for the program. Testing is to be completed during the spring semester. The annual deadline for uploading testing documentation is **June 30th**.
- Students can complete either a nationally norm-referenced test OR a state-wide assessment.
 - *Participating private schools* are responsible for administering these tests to participating students.
 - *Non-participating private school and home study students* are responsible for meeting testing/reporting requirements. They can either choose a nationally norm-referenced test (some of which are available on the Marketplace) or complete a state-wide assessment by requesting this from the resident school system.
- Families and private schools are required to upload testing documentation, including test date, test type/name, student scores, and a PDF/image of the official test results.