

# The Choice We Deserve

Families, Stories, and the  
*Future* of Texas Education





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# Introduction

All Texas families, regardless of income or zip code, should have the freedom and ability to select the best education option for their children – whether that be public, private, or homeschool. But due to the high cost of education alternatives, many Texas families are unable to send their children to the school that best meets their unique learning needs. It doesn't have to be this way.

Texas legislators can empower all families to select the best education option for their children by creating an Education Savings Account (ESA) program to provide families with funds that can be used on a wide variety of educational materials – from private school tuition, to homeschooling materials, tutoring, school supplies, therapies, transportation, extra-curriculars, vocational training, and more.

Currently, **over 30 states already have some type of educational choice program**, like an ESA, in place, but not Texas. It's time to change that by bringing ESAs to the Lone Star State.

Within this book, you will find stories from families across the state of Texas sharing how an Education Savings Account program would change their lives if brought to Texas. These families come from diverse backgrounds, politics, and educational experiences but are united in a common goal: to provide their children with the education they need to be successful but is currently out of reach. We hope these stories will be both meaningful and insightful to you during the legislative process.



*"[An ESA] would allow me to further our homeschool resources for my autistic sons who need one on one learning. Being a low-income family and considering homeschool or private school is very difficult."*

**— Abigail Martinez, Texas Parent**



# Family Stories



## Marie Chang

*Children: Dior (12), Clara (9), Breanna (7)*

"If an ESA were available in Texas, it would be a game changer for my family. It would give us the flexibility to choose the best educational options for our children, whether that's private school, or online courses, without being tied to the public system's limitations. With financial help from the ESA, we would make sure our kids have the quality education they deserve, without putting us in a tight spot financially."

## Carl Ziegler

*Children: Caroline (7), Samantha (5), Maxwell (2)*

"[An ESA] would help send our children to an out of district school that has an all day, every day, gifted and talented program."



## Celeste Green Leinberger

*Children: Joseph (18), Sean (13), Isaak (9), Heike (7), Masha (4)*

"We are a military family with five homeschooled kids and one income. Homeschooling allows us continuity, plus a better-quality social life and education, especially for Joseph who dealt with bullying and Heike, who has dyslexia. I pay close to \$6,500/annually in property taxes, plus books, curriculum, and for extracurricular activities. My oldest takes welding lessons that we pay for out of pocket (\$700/six weeks)."

## Chelsea Kirkland

"We lived in Texas about 6 years ago, before my kids were in school. When we moved to Arizona, I had never heard of an ESA but learned about it and when my kids were of school age, we applied and used it for a hybrid homeschool/private school. It helped my kids THRIVE. I have always planned to homeschool, but it's difficult to do with four kids of very different ages and the Arizona ESA made SO MUCH MORE available to them and us. I was so grateful! Moving back to a state that's so far behind in the educational world for my kids has been extremely difficult and we are all struggling."

## Melissa Fils-Aime

*Children: Christopher (6), Logan (2)*

"I have an autistic son who also qualifies as twice exceptional, which means he is highly intelligent in addition to having other diagnoses going on. My son can do order of operations math in his head and can memorize books the first time he reads them. My son is highly competitive academically but needs a very specific environment to thrive in. He needs a low light classroom with low stimuli and almost constant support and other accommodations. Right now, we are a low-income family and over half our paycheck goes to our son's tuition. His education means everything in the world to us, but we are sacrificing almost everything we have to give him the same chance at success as every other child. An ESA would make a huge difference in my family's life. We could pursue some of my son's hobbies like acting and gymnastics. We would be able to do things for our other son who isn't yet in school, but we have big academic plans for."





### Kiana Penson

Children: Ja'Aliyah (13), Ja'Corey (11)

"To me, [an ESA] will help out a lot, especially in today's time. There are a lot of kids who do not get the proper education they truly need due to the parents not being able to afford it. Also, there are some kids who may need special accommodations to help them through their courses and a program like this could really help out a lot."

### Christie Weatherly

"[With an ESA], My child would be able to get one on one learning he needs while still being at home where I can manage his phenylketonuria diet; and he won't have to miss class for his weekly therapies!"

### Addison Mckee



"When our older children were going through school they were constantly picked on. Verbal harassment and damage to their personal effects was a regular occurrence. Regardless of how many times we spoke out on their behalf, the school continued to make excuses. With our financial situation at the time, private school was out of the question and homeschooling was not a viable alternative. With enough research and a few strategic career moves, we were able to afford to move to a better district across town. Even this put undue hardship on my husband, who then needed to spend a significantly larger portion of his day commuting to work. At least our children were finally thriving in school. Now that our older children have graduated, we have moved to a small town in South Texas. I believe homeschooling could be the right choice for my children. I know they will benefit from the flexibility provided by alternative education options. Financial support through an ESA program would increase the options available to all Texas children. You can help families like mine support and encourage our children's passions and help us build a better future with higher intelligence, better mental health, and stronger character values."



### Brandi Danielle Quin

Children: Michelle, Robert

"An ESA would allow me to choose a private school or help me continue homeschooling. My local school district isn't benefiting my children, and they deserve an education that best fits them."





## Faithe N. Guerrero

*Children: Tobias (7), Manuel (2), Celeste (7 Months)*

"My hope is to homeschool my children and teach them vital knowledge they would not otherwise get in a public-school setting. Therefore, the benefits of obtaining an Education Savings Account would greatly impact my family. Having access to funds for purchasing materials or curriculum would be a great help to us and many other homeschoolers. I come from a small city of primarily lower-class families. My family is part of that percentage, as I am a stay-at-home mom. I would be able to put [ESA funds] towards supplies that will be specific to the individual needs of my children. To us, having an Education Savings Account means better opportunities to have a successful educational experience at home."

## Adrian Barton

"My daughter is currently in private school, but we do without many things in order to budget it in. A scholarship would impact our lives immensely. Her education is one of my highest priorities and I am willing to make necessary sacrifices in order to give her what she needs."

## Skye Hiller

*Children: Cayvion*

"[With an ESA] we wouldn't have to decide whether to buy clothes or pay for tuition."

## Caleana Johnson

"My children and I would benefit from [an ESA] by being more in tune with themselves and their own abilities to achieve based on their personal development. I believe this program is beneficial for gifted children who are in lower-income neighborhoods to find a source to use their gifts to further their futures."





## Brenda Howard

"My story is a testimony of how school choice saved my son in Arizona and why Texas needs school choice so desperately. We retired in Arizona and my son was entering his junior year. We were assigned a gang riddled school based upon zip code. The school was so dangerous that my son did NOT want to go to school. Just before Christmas break, we learned that they had school choice and were able to transfer him to a school where he graduated from high school in his junior year! He changed as soon as we transferred him. He was happy again, not fearful, and worked hard to graduate early! All states should have school choice."

## Brianna Ford

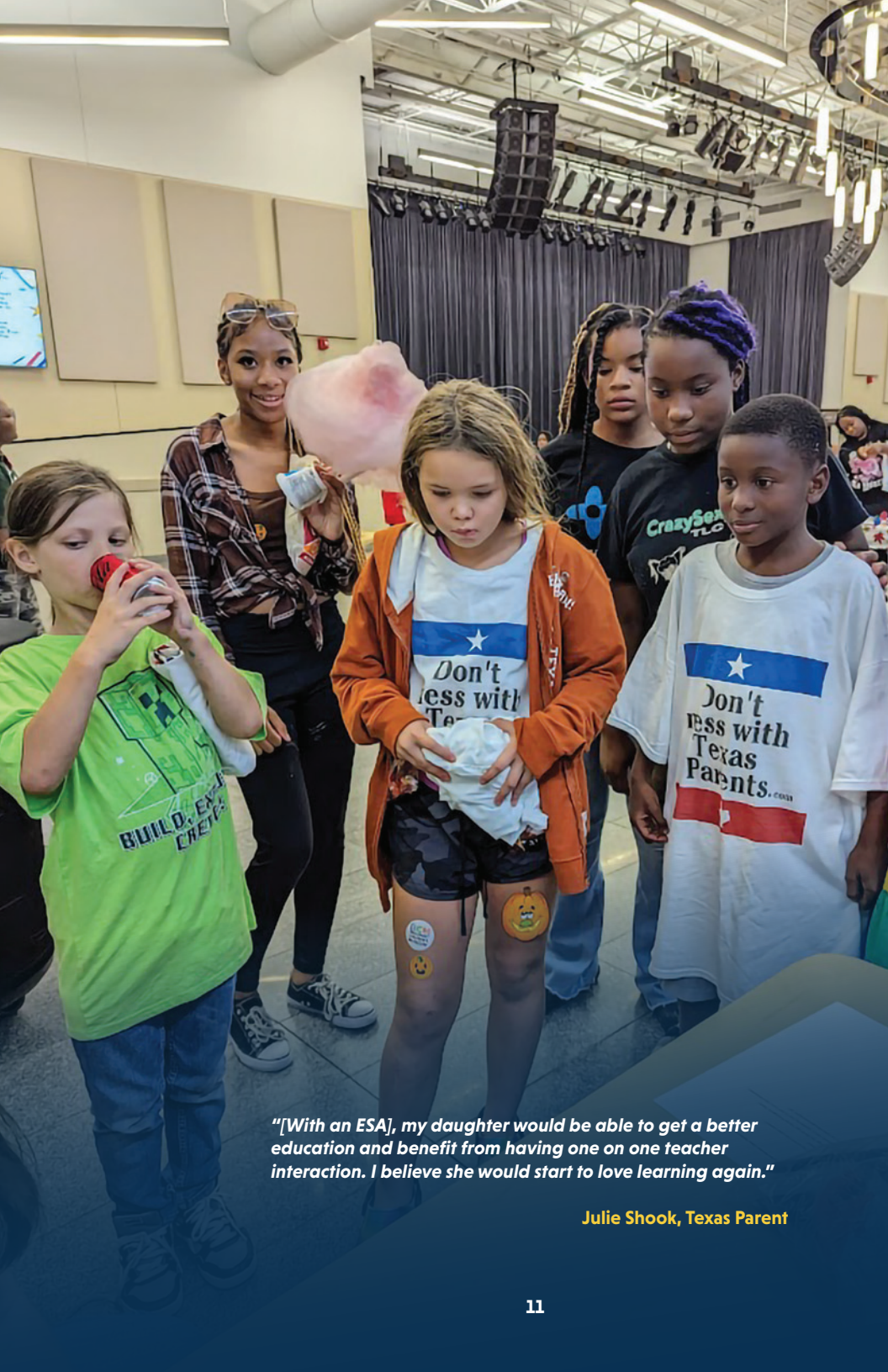
"We are a one income family. I would love to send my son to a private school, but unfortunately, we do not have the additional funds for it. If [an ESA] passes and we were able to get aid, that would be a huge financial assistance for us, and we could place him in a private school! My two girls are currently in public school and if I had the financial option, I would place them in private school in a heartbeat! Having this funding and placing my children in private school would be an absolute dream for our family."



## Jeanette M. Flores

*Children: Nathaniel (12), Belle (11), Jakobe (2)*

"ESAs would help my children; they would be able to get support with tutoring and possibly change to homeschool. Once an ESA is approved, it would help my family and give my children the best education possible."



*"[With an ESA], my daughter would be able to get a better education and benefit from having one on one teacher interaction. I believe she would start to love learning again."*

**Julie Shook, Texas Parent**

## Lorrayne Gonzalez

"[I need an ESA], as a single mom of two autistic spectrum disorder kids – One has ADHD, my oldest is 7. My baby is 3 and has absent seizures and lots of developmental delays. I work a lot to provide for both but I'm doing it for them both."

## Hector Soto

*Children: Adam (11)*



"My name is Hector Soto, and I am the father of my wonderful son, Adam Soto. Adam was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder level 2. In public school, we faced numerous challenges. It was evident that Adam despised public school and begged not to go. Despite the financial sacrifice, we moved Adam to a private school. We quickly noticed progress in Adam in all aspects. He loved his school and teachers, even during Holiday breaks like spring or Christmas, he is very excited to return to school. He has told me many times "Dad, I want to stay in this school forever..." I am disabled veteran, and the existing grant/aids available are limited, if any. I have spent days, hours, and minutes searching for resources to help pay Adam's tuition and therapies, without luck. At times, both his mother and I have taken loans from family members to cover basic expenses like psychological evaluations or deductible payments. These costs add to the recurring payments for his tuition. The most challenging part is that very few people understand the daily struggles faced by parents of special-needs children. This program would provide continuity for Adam at his private school. "[An ESA] would help us achieve what has always been our dream as parents, to ensure Adam can lead as normal a life as possible and be self-sufficient when his parents are no longer in this world."





### Amanda Mireles

"Hi everyone! I'm a mom of two with one in school and one who just made his grand entrance. I'll start by saying, I love being 100 percent involved in my daughter and sons' life. Although my daughter has been fortunate enough to have liked going to public school, I will always keep an open mind to something better. With that being said, when I first learned about ESAs, I was very interested and have now found it to be potentially my kids' next chapter in life."

### Catherine Rene Block

*Children: Jaxon, Avery*

"In case anything happens to my child in a public school, due to bullying, etc., [an ESA] would help out so much."



### Ashley Robinson

*Children: Boy (10), Girl (9), Girl (7)*

"This would help us be able to pay for private school. It is so very expensive but worth the sacrifice to give our kids a safe, loving, and Godly environment. Having an ESA to help us pay for our school choice would help us to live much easier, not penny to penny. It would also allow one of us to work part time or not at all and explore the options of homeschooling. This freedom is very desirable for us financially, but also what we know will allow our kids and family to grow and truly thrive."

## Cielo Murillo

"Mi historia es que ahora mis hijos están en homeschooling y es fantastic más convivencia mejor educación como para mis hijos y para nosotros como padres."



## Cheinell Matthews

*Children: Samuel (11)*

"Homeschool has been the best decision. It allows my son to learn in a caring environment, something he was not able to experience in public school. [An ESA] would help pay for his curriculum, labs with co-op, and his workbooks."

## Veronica Duvall

"As a teacher and a parent, I can see both sides of helping a student attend homeschool or a private school. Some students do not thrive in a public or private school setting, maybe they need some time to deal with anything emotionally or internally – this kind of scholarship might ease the burden and make a stressful, scary change more tolerable. A private school scholarship might give a family a beautiful opportunity they might not otherwise be able to afford. If a child can academically hold his/her own, he/she deserves an opportunity like this. We have tons of families who are working so hard and are barely making ends meet. A scholarship to help pay for private schooling would be a dream come true to a student. Because of scholarships and grants (& continued good grades), I was able to finish college at a university. Without that support, I would not have had that opportunity."

## Kinshon Richards

"[An ESA] would make my children successful in life."

## Jamie Hinojosa

*Children: Jagur (16)*



"Families of children with disabilities should not have to pay for an equal education. Segregation because of ability is just as wrong as segregation because of race, sex, or gender identity. Children with disabilities should be protected under the same constitutional rights as any other minority groups today. For parents to be expected to settle for the bare minimum is outlandish. We want the best for our children just like any other parents with kids without disabilities. It is not the children's fault that our special ed education services in public schools have failed to be updated in decades. There's too much focus on the money part of this situation rather than the needs of the students and that's not right. There should be no reason the parents have to pay just as much per year, as a college student going to community college just to educate our children with disabilities. Grants are given to individuals looking to go to colleges who've already obtained their high school diplomas and are capable of working a job to pay for their tuition. These are children in elementary, junior high and high school, whose families need help to provide them with a general, basic education that they deserve. How that is still being debated is beyond disturbing."

## Josie Linares

*Children: Sofia, Camila*



"An Education Savings Account would help our family tremendously! Times are tough, not just economically but also our world is changing, and our youth are being influenced by what is accepted in our society. [An ESA] would help us have our homeschooled children afford tutoring, private school, fund educational field trips (schools are given discounts while homeschooled families are not), enter extracurricular activities like dance, clubs (girl scouts, chess club), karate and the list goes on. As a stay-at-home mom, it is hard to do many of these things without impacting our finances. This ESA would supplement our current homeschool curriculum and enhance their learning. Thank you!"

*"[With an ESA], my niece would be able to get all of the accommodations she needs and enjoy learning more."*

**Rebekah St. Clair**





## Amy Murrah

Children: Bella (19), Keldon (15), Bronson (15)



"I have twins with autism. My boys were not only not progressing in public system but being bullied and regressing! Also, teachers didn't want them included in their "normal" classrooms, I understand to a certain degree because their classrooms are spilling over with kids already and they are struggling to teach kids that don't need "special instruction." One of my boys that is nonverbal was regressing so badly – it was deemed by applied behavior analysis therapy that it would be better to pull him completely from school than have him continue in the public system which turned out to be a 100% truth and the right decision! My boys now attend a special needs school in which they have soared!!!! They can read and write and are very intelligent! They will now be able to even be trained to learn a job and contribute to society rather than live off the government in the future! My boys only attend this school through scholarship as we cannot afford to send them there on our own. ESA would not only cover my boys' tuition for an education that not only accommodates their needs but also truly teaches them! It would relieve my stress yearly if I knew we didn't have to depend on being awarded a scholarship in order for my boys to receive an education! I never know year after year if they will be in school or not, because they will NOT under any circumstances go back to a public education system where they are assigned by zip code!! I even tried to switch them to a public school that has a very good special needs program in our surrounding area, but I was told no public school will ever accept special needs kids not in their district because they cost more than they contribute! So that alone is unfair compared to "normal" kids and the opportunities they have in the public system!"



## Taryn Melendez

Children: Hadley

"As the parent of a child with special needs, I never felt she or I got much from public school. I not only wanted more for Hadley but needed knowledge of how to be a better parent. Our private school provides information AND life skills, for both myself and my child. That education is PRICELESS to all the families involved, but with a price tag we can't all easily afford."

## Brenda Villalpando

*Children: Victor (14)*



"I am writing to express my strong support for implementing an Education Savings Account (ESA) program in Texas. As the parent of a 14-year-old child with autism, speech delay, developmental delay disabilities, echolalia, ADHD, and dyslexia, I have firsthand experience with the unique challenges families like mine face in providing the education and support our children need to thrive. An ESA program would be transformative for our family and countless others across the state by easing financial burdens and expanding access to critical resources. Our family is not unfamiliar with sacrifice. My child's father is a wartime veteran who served our country honorably. During his service, he sustained a traumatic brain injury and now lives with a brain tumor. While his service to our nation is a testament to his resilience and commitment, it has also presented additional challenges for our family as we work to ensure our child receives the support and education he needs. Since the age of three, my child has attended a private school that has been instrumental in his development. This school offers small class sizes, a tailored curriculum, and on-site therapeutic support—features that have helped him overcome significant learning challenges while nurturing his interests in baseball, soccer, gaming, and social activities with friends. However, the costs present a significant financial strain on our family. An ESA program would provide the flexibility and funding needed to support my child's education and development in the following ways: 1. Offset Private School Tuition, 2. Expand Access to Specialized Resources, 3. Provide Tailored Tutoring, 4. Enhance Therapeutic Services, 5. Foster Social and Extracurricular Growth, and 6. Encourage Independence.

My child has the potential to lead a fulfilling, independent life, but this requires access to the right tools, education, and opportunities. Families like mine work tirelessly to provide for our children, often shouldering the full financial burden when the public school system cannot meet their needs. An ESA program would help alleviate this strain, ensuring that educational funds follow the child to the environment that serves them best—whether that be public, private, or homeschool settings. I urge you to support the implementation of an ESA program in Texas. This initiative would not only empower families but also demonstrate a commitment to equitable education for all children, regardless of their unique needs or circumstances."

## Melinda Rider

"Just getting my autistic son into a good school would be amazing."



## Jasmine Longoria

Children: Lily (13), Daisy (8), JJ (5)

"We are a one income family, and an ESA would allow our family to be able to offer more to our children. It is very important for us to teach our children that there's not only one way of doing things. I believe that we need to learn our children's strengths and build that up. Parents have the opportunity to know and learn about their children in a special way. We can support each one in ways that public schools cannot. An ESA would just make it easier and would be that support for parents to continue investing in our children."

## Jenell Lynette Jolley

Children: Zayden (7), Ja'Nese (6), Ja'Shawn (5)

"My children have faced many adversities. They are definitely neurodivergent. Public school, though it is good for most, is not the place for them. My 7-year-old faces severe anxiety when faced with the thought of attending public school. He attends a private school through a scholarship at this time. We are most grateful for this. My 6-year-old is in public school and is struggling every day. She also suffers from anxiety and an adjustment disorder. I have asked the school for accommodation and at this time they are unable to do so. My 5-year-old is in occupational therapy and speech therapy. If my family had an Education Savings Account, I could choose a school that would fully accommodate their special needs. I could choose a school that is best for each of their special needs."



## Misty Keith

Children: Reagan (19), Kylee (17), Karis (15)

"All three of my kids are/have been homeschooled. As their mom and credentialed educator, I miss the opportunity of full-time work by staying home with them. So, in addition to paying property tax, we pay for curriculum, tutors, sports, and all schooling expenses. An ESA would help relieve the double burden financially."

## April Niswonger

Children: Sydnee (23), Cooper (15), Conner (15)



"My sons are autistic and we as a family have struggled to ensure their safety and academic growth in our local school district. We are fortunate to have found a private school. There, my sons have found a safe place in a team environment (applied behavioral therapy and occupational and speech therapy) where they were growing in multiple areas such as academics, social, emotional as well as skills for daily living. Unfortunately, there is no "One Size Fits All" education setting for all kids. Each child is different and even with my three, they all were/are in different educational settings that meet their individual & unique needs. The challenge is the financial cost that burdens us as a family in order to provide this. Having an ESA would lift some of that burden and hardship on our immediate family and extended family as we also rely on monetary gifts during birthdays and holidays instead of traditional gifts in order to afford the necessary private school."

## Kailan Pitre

"School choice is extremely important for my babies' futures. Right now, we have the choice to homeschool, but when we do decide to go the physical school route, we want to have the choice to have options. These schools need to be better and not try to poison these babies' minds. The parent knows best, we know what our babies need."



## Melissa Ann Strickland

Children: Steven (18)

"My son began his education experience in public schools. It did not suit him for what he needed to learn. We moved him to a private school, and it has been so good for him. We eventually became a one-income family as I had to stop working to take care of my husband that is a disabled vet. The tuition has been tough, but there is no way that he would be able to finish his education elsewhere. The Education Savings Account would go directly to the private school to cover the materials that they use, field trips, and most importantly the teachers' pay. We owe so much gratitude to them for all the hard work and patience that they have put in with our son."





## Amy Massey

*Children: Logan (14)*

"[I need an ESA] for future education like tutoring or programs. My son wants to do welding. So, for welding programs and trade school."

## Xzajane Turner

"[With an ESA] my son could go to a better school."



## Cassandra Posey

*Children: Colton (17), Roselyn (6), Miriam (5), Prudence (4)*

"Each of my children have different learning styles and each should have adequate support in their education. Unfortunately, even with active involvement in our local school district, it's not enough for my kids to get what they need to thrive. One of my children was tested for disabilities, I was told that they would need to evaluate her for a year before deciding what help they could offer, even though she was scoring at the 5% level in a particular area. Taking a child who is already struggling and forcing them to continue to struggle isn't good practice. Instead, I pay a lot of money to provide her with tutoring and curriculum, while the local district won't allow students to participate in the districts with extracurriculars, and with the added burden of paying local property taxes, we are unable to offer her outside enrichment. Should she miss out? As a prior public educator, most of us don't care where learning takes place or how, but that it does and that students are successful. This should always be the goal, and we shouldn't lose focus from that; this is about the children."

## Bridgette Martinez

Children: Finn (6), Sebastien (5)

"I have three boys. Two have a level-one autism diagnosis. My middle is in public school and struggles with having his needs met. He has a wonderful teacher who has zero support from the special education staff. Because Finn is so high functioning, the special education department took him off of his IEP and want to use ISS as reinforcements for his "bad behaviors" (literally the diagnostician's words- I was floored). My son is so lovable and kind but is as rigid as the day is long. There is no room in public school for his type of diagnosis. There are services for those with profound diagnosis, or nothing. It's so frustrating to see all of our progress made in applied behavioral analysis being wasted. By the grace of God, my son's teacher is shielding him from the worst of it. She does not report behavior from him that she is supposed to report- instead she tells me about it directly and we work through it on the side. She is very aware of what my son is up against, and she is doing her best to help him get the education she needs. Not all his teachers will be the same, and I dread the day that we come across that teacher. Without school choice, we cannot afford to send Finn and Sebastien to a private school. School choice would take this weight off us, and honestly off of the educators is the PS system who don't have the training to work with high functioning neurodivergent children."

## DeAmber Love Navejar

Children: Andrew (14), Adrian (12), Audrey (11)

"My children are all special education students, and they deserve an education that addresses their individual needs, respects their rights, religious beliefs, and provides a safe environment where they can thrive. I believe in transparency, accountability, and collaboration. I've always sought open communication with [my school district] regarding the materials my children are exposed to and the accommodations they need to succeed. However, instead of receiving support, I've been met with resistance, disorganization, and punitive actions. ESAs would provide families like mine the opportunity to pursue educational environments that align with our values, protect our rights, and foster our children's success. By implementing ESAs, Texas can empower parents to choose the best educational options for their children without being subject to a public school system that prioritizes convenience over accountability. Every child deserves access to a quality education, and every parent deserves the right to advocate for their children without fear of retaliation. ESAs are not just about financial relief—they're about ensuring dignity, choice, and hope for families like mine. Thank you for listening to my story and for taking the time to understand the challenges my family has faced. I hope my experiences shed light on the importance of providing families with the tools and resources needed to secure a brighter future for their children."





### **Ivan M. Salinas**

*Children: Quentin (6)*

"It has been difficult finding a school that offers the necessary skills and education that would develop into knowledge my child would use. Many things that were once taught are no longer available. Being involved with my past teachers since elementary has given insight. Many things that are not being done include writing skills, cursive, complex math, and athletics."



### **Shinara Morrison**

*Children: Gavin (11)*

"An ESA would allow me the opportunity to put my son in the educational environment that will allow him to succeed at his own pace and to create a curriculum specifically based on our beliefs at home."



### **Angelina Macias**

*Children: Aleena (14), Aileen (8)*

"As a single parent who has previous testing administration and education experience, I have chosen to homeschool my children for the last twelve years. An ESA would benefit me and my children to help with all of the costs associated with educating our own children."

## Danielle Chavez

*Children: Alyssa (21), Francisco (20), Ava (13), Luke (2)*



"Implementing an Education Savings Account would enable my family to oversee our children's education and access resources typically available only to those with substantial financial means. Additional expenses such as tutoring, private schooling, and homeschool co-ops are often beyond our reach. The ESA would allow us to tailor our children's education in a manner that promotes their growth and development effectively. Our 13-year-old is performing well in public school but requires additional tutoring in certain subjects like mathematics. Financial limitations prevent us from affording supplementary educational services. Additionally, our youngest child, who has been diagnosed with autism, attends daily applied behavioral analysis therapy – a costly treatment that does not encompass educational components. Although the public school system will provide educational support when he turns three, we are concerned about the overcrowded special education classrooms, potentially hindering his learning progress. An ESA would democratize access to a tailored education, empowering families to select appropriate schools and develop personalized programs for their children. Had we possessed such options earlier, we might have avoided drastic measures like the threat of legal litigation for our older children. Many families lack the means to relocate and navigate the complexities of securing optimal education for their children. By returning control of education to parents, we could foster cooperative environments that cultivate well rounded, intelligent, successful future leaders. The inability to direct our children's education has imposed significant challenges, compelling many of us to advocate for improved solutions. Parents and voters believe ESAs represent a viable path forward."

## Pam Hartt

"[With an ESA], my daughter would be able to continue getting the reading therapy she needs that is specific to her learning disability. This would help tremendously."

## Crystal Marie Cabrera

*Children: Elijah (12), Emberly (10), Eliyanah (3 Months)*



"My husband has a job that has him traveling the U.S. about once a month. My son has a goal to visit all 50 states of which he has already visited 23 states. Though most of these have been done during school holidays, it would be great to not worry about school absences and be able to homeschool our kids without the added expense that would be covered with an ESA. We want the freedom to create our own school schedule. The school hours and days chosen to be off aren't always convenient for us. The flexibility of having the ability to choose homeschooling with the benefit of an ESA would give our children the ability to experience communities and people beyond what they are exposed to at home locally. This experience would expose them to cultures, ethnicities, and lifestyles that would help them be better people and potentially increase their communication skills. Overall, the benefit of an ESA as a parent would be a financial support that currently is delaying our desire to start the homeschool process with our kids. I would love to be able to provide my kids the opportunity to excel, explore, and create beyond what being in a classroom structures environment can currently offer. This bill for an ESA can help provide that."

## Arrishia Moore

*Children: Julianna (6)*



"An Education Savings Account program will help single-parent homes better their children with education, help with books, and assist more with aiding a better lifestyle. Public schools can sometimes hinder with what we push at home. Children with disabilities feel bullied, families may not have the funds to place them with things that they want to be part of."



# What Parents Want in an ESA Program

## What do Texas Parents Need an Education Savings Account to Cover?

- Private School Tuition
- Homeschool Curriculum
- Tutoring
- Therapy for Disabilities
- School Transportation
- Trade School Classes
- District Transfer Fees
- Dual Enrollment
- Online Course
- Homeschool Co-op Classes
- Microschool Tuition
- School Supplies
- Extracurriculars and Sports
- Technology
- Field Trips
- A-la-carte Classes
- Testing Fees
- Books
- Out of State Providers







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