

*Jon Peterson*

SPECIAL NEEDS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



# Homeschooling = Individual Education Plan

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- Homeschooling allows you to meet your child “where they are” so they are in the “comfortable challenge zone.”
- Homeschooling allows you to choose a curriculum that is interesting and motivating to your child.
- Homeschooling allows you to linger when needed or skip ahead.
- Homeschooling provides 1:1 instruction.
- Homeschooling provides flexibility of schedule and enrichment activities.



## The Jon Peterson Scholarship is a support system.

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Using the scholarship means that you'll be benefiting from special education services within the private sector, instead of within the public school system.

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You'll have a "partner in homeschooling" who will be along side your family on your homeschool journey.

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You'll have guidance when it's time to renew the ETR/IEP.



You are  
not alone.



## Pursuing the Jon Peterson Scholarship as Ohio Homeschoolers - a Primer

As a homeschooler who is using the Jon Peterson Scholarship, you'll want to be educated on Ohio Homeschooling regulations, as well as IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act).

You need to be familiar with both.

You will have one foot in the homeschool world, and you'll have one foot in the special education world.

Step 1:

Notify to homeschool.  
Follow the steps outlined  
by Ohio Homeschooling  
Parents to make sure you  
have notified properly and  
used law- aligned forms.

Do not use school-  
provided forms for  
homeschooling  
notification.



# Ohio Homeschooling Parents

Connection, Encouragement, Information



## Step 2:

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Secure the documentation required (an ETR/IEP) from your district of residence. If an unexpired IEP exists, go to step 3.

If not, email the district of residence and formally request an evaluation.

Clearly state why you believe your student is a candidate for special education funding.



# Welcome to the World of Special Education

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You can expect abundant acronyms

## **ETR= Evaluation Team Report**

This is what you are requesting. A team of specialists will administer various evaluations to determine if your child qualifies for special education. If test scores show eligibility, an IEP will be written.

## **IEP= Individual Education Plan**

This is a legal document outlining the student's abilities, and challenges. This is the school's plan of action to help.





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## ROADBLOCKS

### **To avoid Parental Roadblocks:**

Be prepared for connection with the school district.

Be willing to provide necessary information.

Be kindly persistent

Be educated on Ohio Homeschool Law and IDEA

### **Be prepared for district Roadblocks:**

Unaware of the scholarship

Unwilling to work with homeschoolers

“Slow Rolling”



## Step 3:

### Research Jon Peterson Providers.



- All providers are listed and can be searched by county here:  
<https://scholarship.ode.state.oh.us/Provider>
- After going to the above page, click on “Provider Search Page” to expand the search box, and select your county from the County drop-down list. You can also change the default number of results to show. Then click the Search button.
- Neighboring counties can also be searched, as most providers provide services in the surrounding counties of their main office.

Step 4: Contact a provider to determine if their program is right for your child.

Each Jon Peterson provider is a privately-owned business.

Some providers focus on intensive therapies such as OT, PT, and SLP, while others focus on academic goals such as reading and math intervention (IS).

Some have “in-person” services, “in the home” services, and online.

Some providers allow funding to be split with other providers.

Some offer year-round tutoring, some do not.



# Questions to ask:

- Which special education services do you offer?
- Where is your location?
- Do you offer online tutoring?
- Do you have any other important policies to be aware of?
- Are there any additional fees that the scholarship will not cover?



# Step 5: Start the Application process!

Return the completed application and proof of address to your new provider!

The application contains the information the provider needs to start the scholarship process.

Be sure to sign and date the second page and include the correct name of your provider.

Here is the link to the document that lists acceptable proof of address

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2954840698178803/posts/2959148234414716>

**JON PETERSON SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP  
2021-2022 STUDENT APPLICATION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION** \*\*\*Please use Birth Certificate for student data\*\*\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: MALE  FEMALE

NATIVE LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Grade Level 2020-2021: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level 2021-2022: \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNICITY:  Asian/Pacific Islander  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
Select Only One:  Black/Non-Hispanic  Multiracial  Hispanic  White/Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**IS YOUR STUDENT REGISTERED FOR HOME SCHOOLING? OR ATTENDING A PRIVATE SCHOOL?**

REGISTERED AS HOME SCHOOLED: YES  NO   
IF NO, PROVIDE NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY GUARDIAN**

I am the (check one)  Natural Parent  Legal Guardian  
 Adoptive Parent  Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds  
 Residential Parent  Student that is at least eighteen years of age

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
IN WHAT COUNTY DO YOU LIVE? \_\_\_\_\_  
IN WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY GUARDIAN**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship FY 2023 Maximum Scholarship Amounts by Category

The Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program provides scholarships for children who receive special education services through a private or alternative public school provider. The chart below evidences the maximum scholarship amount based upon a child's special education category. The child must be enrolled in the scholarship program for the entire school year to receive the full scholarship amount. Parents are responsible for costs exceeding these amounts in addition to services not identified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

1	Speech or Language Impairment*	\$7,970
2	Specific Learning Disability, Intellectual Disability or OHI-minor	\$10,370
3	Hearing Impaired or Emotional Disturbance	\$15,936
4	Vision Impaired or OHI-major	\$19,121
5	Orthopedic Impairment or Multi-handicapped	\$23,623
6	Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury, or Hearing and Vision Impaired	\$27,000

\*Category 1 (Speech or Language Impairment) students may only utilize their scholarship to pay for services that are included in the IEP. The Jon Peterson Scholarship cannot be used to pay for services at a nonpublic school.

## Step 6: Receive your funding award and set up your service schedule with your provider.

- Your chosen JP provider will help you set up services based on your funding level.
- There is a document on the group (“FY JPSN Category Award Amounts”) that lists the amounts awarded per the disability category that is listed on your ETR/IEP.
- The amounts listed on that document are for the full scholarship and funding is pro-rated as the school year moves forward.
- It is linked here and shown to the right:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2954840698178803/posts/3043925772603628>



# IEP

## INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION

## Step 7: Continuing the JP the following year:

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- Your district of residence is responsible for updating the IEP document (annually) and testing (every 3 years).
- If you have a JP provider, it is common practice for the provider to send the information needed for the renewal IEP.
- Most schools copy/paste this information onto the updated paperwork.
- Other schools will request that you, as the homeschool parent, provide additional information.
- It is not mandatory that the JP provider attend IEP meetings.

# Remember...you'll have one foot in the special education world:

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3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above attend state testing in the spring (end of March/early April).

Your provider will conduct state testing.

There is no mandated minimum score, and the testing result in no way affects your home education rights.

State testing is a requirement to continue with the JP scholarship the subsequent year.

Students work on chrome books, do the best they can and move on with their day.



And... You'll have one  
foot in the homeschool  
world:

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Choose between a homeschool portfolio  
assessment.

I would be delighted to be your  
homeschool assessor 😊

Or give your student a standardized test of  
your choosing.

This requirement is not reimbursable  
through the scholarship funding.

Early in June, please send your  
homeschool notification.

Go here for more details: [Ohio  
Homeschool - Ohio Homeschooling  
Parents](#)





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I began homeschooling in 2002. Both boys are homeschool graduates and successful in careers/family life. I began signing assessment forms in 2004, and my clientele has grown substantially each year. I am also a Jon Peterson Scholarship Provider, which allows me to provide special education services for homeschooled children on an IEP. I am also an Orton-Gillingham Reading Tutor, Homeschool Consultant, and year-round "mom encourager" and co-admin on Ohio Homeschooling Parents. I have a permanent teaching certificate in Ohio and hold an intervention specialist license for grades prek-12.

