



# UTAH FITS ALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Odyssey is proud to administer the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program. Since the transition, our focus has been on implementing a compliant, and parent centered system that supports educational choice while safeguarding public funds.

The progress made over the past eight months ensures that the UFA program is functioning as the law intended and positioned well for the years ahead.



## STUDENT PARTICIPATION

- **17,677** applications processed in 6 weeks
- **15,608** students funded
- **7,606** returning students
- **52.5%** private school students
- **47.5%** homeschooled students



## SPEND ALLOCATION

- **193,775** individual transactions
- **64%** funds spent on tuition
- **18%** funds spent on reimbursements
- **18%** funds spent in the marketplace



## REIMBURSEMENTS

- **117,219** reimbursements submitted since August 21st
- **71%** approval rate upon first submission
- **1,286** appeals submitted with an approval rate of **78%**



## MARKETPLACE ORDERS

- **103,378** total orders
- **1,535** total vendors, 58% are based in Utah
- **Top Vendors** (by order count):
  - Amazon
  - Craft Tech
  - Small Seeds Corporation Inc
  - The Good and the Beautiful

## HOW WE WORK WITH UTAH FAMILIES

- Easy-to-use platform with quick onboarding
- Transparent pricing with no transaction fees
- Offer continuous customer support, from application through purchasing
- Showcase vendor offerings, including Utah based businesses, in an open marketplace.
- Foster transparency and trust by clearly outlining approved products and services
- Ensure strong fiscal oversight and compliance with state law through built-in controls and real-time reporting
- Scale program administration efficiently, allowing more families, schools, and providers to participate





## PARTNER TESTIMONIALS

"The Utah Fits All Scholarship helps make this opportunity possible for us. As a non-traditional family without significant financial resources, it means everything to have access to a school where [my student] can learn, grow, and feel safe. I am deeply grateful for the work you do to empower families to choose the educational setting that fits their children best."

Returning UFA Parent,  
Private School  
Grade 9



New UFA Parent,  
Homeschool  
Grade 3

"I've had a great 1st year experience! I've bought quite a bit outside of the marketplace and just sent in my receipts. I've had zero problems with any of my refunds. It's been amazing for my son and the things we were able to do with the funds."

"I love all of the options it provides, and how it allows us a lot of flexibility and provides the resources for us to do physical education, extracurriculars, and music lessons that we wouldn't be able to afford otherwise."

Returning UFA Parent,  
Three Students in  
Private School



New UFA Parent,  
Homeschool &  
Private School

"This is my second year homeschooling. This year I was able to be more prepared because of the scholarship. I enjoyed the marketplace because it gave me options I didn't know about and it was all in one place. I was also able to expand on the things he loves because of the money this scholarship has provided. I'm forever grateful."







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## H.B. 467, 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute: Utah Fits All Scholarship Program Amendments

This bill establishes new provisions for the Utah Fits All Scholarship (UFA) program. UFA provides enrolled K-12 students with money for educational expenses, like private school tuition, tutoring services, and curricular materials. Students attending private school receive \$8,000 per year; home-based students receive between \$4,000 and \$6,000 yearly, based on age.

### Summary of Changes

#### Private Schools

Definition: Creates a **definition of a private school**, effective starting in the 2026-2027 school year (see text box and Private School Accreditation Working Group information below). (*Lines 168-191*)

Requirements for private schools as qualifying providers: Private schools may become a qualifying UFA provider, meaning they meet certain criteria and accept scholarship money directly. This bill **updates these requirements** to include the following, among others: (*Lines 825-1031*)

- Provide an audit from an independent accountant.
- Provide a statement clarifying that the school's published tuition costs, fees, and refund policies are the same for scholarship students as other students.
- If a scholarship student withdraws, report to the program manager within five business days.
- Provide a statement clarifying that if the school has a refund policy, the school will refund the program manager so funds can be placed in the student's scholarship account, not the family.
- Provide other information required by the program manager or financial administrator.

#### Private School Definition

- Non-public educational institution.
- **Accredited** – or working towards accreditation – by a recognized accrediting organization.
- Primary, not supplementary, source of education for enrolled students.
- Provides most of a student's academic instruction as the student's primary educational setting.
- Maintains records.
- Doesn't operate primarily to direct education funds to parents or third-party education providers.

Parent reimbursement: Parents may send students to private schools that are not qualifying providers and seek reimbursement, but **any private school an eligible student attends must meet the statutory definition.**

Parents may pay students' tuition directly at private schools that are not qualifying providers and seek monthly tuition reimbursement. The program manager should reimburse parents within 10 business days. Parents must provide invoices, proof of enrollment, and proof the school meets the statutory definition. (*Lines 472-475; 524-552*)

### *Private School Accreditation Working Group*

Creates a working group to review and evaluate accreditation organizations. Membership includes the program manager, the state superintendent, private school representatives, and parents, among others; the state superintendent will provide staffing. *(Lines 1032-1084)*

Duties include:

- Create a list of approved accreditation organizations by January 1, 2027, for the 2027-2028 school year, which the program manager must adopt.
- After providing the list, meet as needed to monitor accrediting organizations and recommend updates.

**Before** the program manager adopts the list, private schools must be accredited or actively working towards accreditation with any regional or national accreditor.

**After** the program manager adopts the list:

- Private schools accredited by non-approved accrediting organization have two years from the date of adoption to become accredited by an approved organization.
- Unaccredited private schools working towards accreditation must receive accreditation from an approved organization within two years.

### **Student Eligibility and Scholarship Awards**

Enrollment preference: Reorders and expands **enrollment preference:** *(Lines 387-410)*

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| (i) Returning students (unchanged).   | federal poverty level, and (2) received a partial   |
| (ii) Siblings of current or recent scholarship students (previously third).   | household award, if the student didn't receive a scholarship (partial award a new requirement). |
| (iii) New scholarship students with (1) family income at or below 300% of the | (iv) Lottery (unchanged).   |

Household applications: Creates new requirements for **processing applications from a household.** *(Lines 505-523)*

- Applications from the same household are (1) processed together, and (2) approved or denied as a unit.
- If there aren't enough scholarship funds, the family may (1) accept awards for some children, or (2) stay on the wait list until all children get a scholarship.

Age of eligible students: Under 19 years old before September 1 of the school year. *(Line 111)*

Participation in activities: Local education agencies must allow UFA scholarship students to participate in extracurricular and athletic activities. *(Lines 815-823)*

### **Program Manager Requirements**

Customer service: The program manager must maintain **adequate call center capacity.** This includes adequate staffing for peak enrollment periods, scalability plans, and continuous improvement based on parent feedback. *(Lines 745-753)*

Processing expenses:

- Process expense reimbursements within 10 days. *(Lines 634-636)*
- Create a pre-approval process for expenses before they're incurred, responding within 7 business days. Available to parents through an online portal and other methods. *(Lines 756-765)*

Educational marketplace: If the program manager runs an educational marketplace: *(Lines 766-775)*

- Prices must reflect **fair market value.**
- The program may not require exclusive marketplace use.
- The marketplace may not sell used or returned goods.

Compliance: Coordinate with the Utah State Board of Education's Department of Operations on policy interpretations, compliance issues, and customer service standards. *(Lines 576-577)*



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14,300 Utah Families are THRIVING in their fit. Utah Education Fits All (UEFA) advocates for and supports Utah families seeking a personalized K-12 education through the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program. Thank you for your support.

Here are their stories.



I wanted to go to a different school than the one I was currently at, but I didn't have the funds. So, I did not think that it would be possible. But after hearing about Utah Fits All from a neighbor, I applied and received a scholarship. Now, I'm at a new school, and it's been great, I am encouraged and I am blessed.

– Carolina (Student), Holladay

My husband, who has terminal brain cancer, became disabled and unable to work this year due to his disease progression. With our daughter's tumultuous lives with a sick dad, they are still able to continue parts of their lives with some normalcy. With our now severely decreased income, we would not be able to continue to provide them with the learning opportunities they have had, if it weren't for this scholarship. I can buy them what they need for their education and edification without the stress of how to pay for it, and it's been a huge stress relief for our family in this difficult time.

– Fuller Family, Moab



Where should I begin when sharing our amazing journey thus far as a Utah Fits All Scholarship family? For starters, this is our second year participating in the program. Since we were awarded two years ago, we have been able to provide so many rich educational experiences for our boys. Before UFA, they were not thriving or being challenged enough in their educational setting, just merely surviving. Now, with UFA we have been able to successfully harness the power of our vast community to seek out learning opportunities for them and customize their learning to meet their individual needs.

– Connors Family, Salt Lake City

My son Jaxson is in 1st grade. With the help of the Utah Fits All Scholarship he is going to a private school where they believe parents are students' first guide in education and they allow us to lead our children's learning. Jaxson has been struggling with reading this year. He's been behind and his dad and I have been able to talk with his teachers and work out plans that work for him. With extra help from both his teachers and at home he has gained more confidence in himself that he can read. They always support the students and us as parents in what we feel is best for our kids, and they have a great culture of perseverance and doing hard things.

– Harris Family, North Salt Lake





I am a mother of seven children with five in school. We love homeschooling, and I love that I am guiding my children's education experience. Homeschooling allows some unique experiences to present themselves. Our two daughters have been very driven to develop fitness skills and are able to enroll in classes. I've always dreamed of having a musical family and have done my best to give my children music education. Three have begun playing the violin and two are starting piano. Our twin boys are very academically driven. They want to be learning ALL DAY LONG! Having the ability to continually provide new reading material has been such a blessing. It's so wonderful to see my children pursuing their dreams and developing their interests with the help of the Utah Fits All Scholarship.



– **Ssempala Family, Bluffdale**



When we learned about Montessori when Grant was just a few months old, it felt like we had a path and a purpose and a way of raising our child that felt authentic and respectful. But Montessori schools can be expensive and inaccessible to many. It was such a struggle knowing that I had found an educational approach that resonated with my son but not knowing if we could afford to pursue it. Receiving the Utah Fits All Scholarship was such an unexpected blessing for our family. It felt like a huge weight was lifted off of us. We didn't have to compromise when it came to our son's education. We were able to enroll him in a private school where he thrived! He has grown more than we ever expected. He has made friends, he is excelling far beyond his age academically, and he LOVES learning!

– **Gudino Family, St. George**

The UFA scholarship came to fruition when we needed it most... I was recently unemployed, as my two young sons are at crucial, pivotal ages, where having a parent at home is really important for their emotional and mental development. The scholarship provides a way to close learning gaps and ensure our next generation is successful in every way possible. Utah Fits All made this possible for our family. We're so happy and appreciative to have been blessed with this gift. It has made a world of difference.

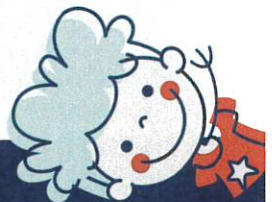


– **Frank Family, Salt Lake City**



I can't believe my children have had so many wow moments with the Utah Fits All Scholarship. I'm usually really skeptical when people talk about such vast improvement in a short time. Here's one example. My nine year old has dysgraphia and she just cannot hand write even one sentence. But, she's a natural writer and she has this desire. Using the educational tools the scholarship allows us to purchase has made it possible for her to write in unconventional ways. She was able to write a fabulous 10-page book replete with illustrations. I was so excited to hear HER voice. And she's finding HER voice and that is all thanks to the Utah Fits All Scholarship.

– **Koldewyn Family, North Ogden**



## THANK YOU

for supporting and expanding the Utah Fits All Scholarship and allowing parents to customize an education that aligns best with their values, expectations, and their children's unique needs. These heartfelt stories cut through the noise and present the realities of how life changing the opportunity of education choice can be.

We invite you to read and watch many more stories here.

