

# Fast Facts



## Program Summary

CalKIDS is a children's development account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, an agency of the State of California. The program provides children born in California and eligible public school students with a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$1,500 for college or career training!

## Eligibility

There are two eligible groups for the program, each with unique award amounts.

### Newborns + Young Children

- All children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, can claim a CalKIDS Scholarship:

#### Up to \$100

All children born on or after July 1, 2023, have a **\$100 CalKIDS Scholarship** waiting to be claimed. Children born between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, have a \$25 scholarship waiting.

#### + \$25

Parents who claim their child's CalKIDS Scholarship will receive an **additional \$25 contribution** into their child's CalKIDS Scholarship Account.

#### + \$50

Parents who link a CalKIDS Account with a ScholarShare 529 Account, California's official college savings plan, will receive an **additional \$50 contribution** into their child's CalKIDS Account.

**= Up to \$175 in scholarship funds**

### Students

- California's low-income public school students enrolled in grades 1 through 12, during the 2021-2022 academic year, and second graders in subsequent academic years, may be eligible.
- All eligible public school students can claim a CalKIDS Scholarship:

#### \$500

**Eligible public school students** have a **\$500 CalKIDS Scholarship** waiting to be claimed.

#### + \$500

Eligible students identified as **foster youth** will receive an **additional \$500 contribution** into their CalKIDS Scholarship Account.

#### + \$500

Eligible students identified as **homeless** will receive an **additional \$500 contribution** into their Account.

**= Up to \$1,500 in scholarship funds**

## Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship

Scholarships are automatically created for eligible children and students. However, parents or students must claim their CalKIDS Scholarship to access the funds. Claiming a scholarship is quick and easy. Visit [CalKIDS.org](https://CalKIDS.org) and have the information below ready.

### Newborns + Young Children

- The **county** where the child was born
- Child's **date of birth**
- **Local Registration Number** (LRN) found on the child's birth certificate

### Students

- The **county** where the student attended school when they became eligible
- Student's **date of birth**
- **Statewide Student Identifier** (SSID), which can be obtained by contacting the student's school

## Request a Distribution

- Requesting funds from a CalKIDS Scholarship Account can be done online at CalKIDS.org.
- Funds are sent directly to the eligible institution of higher education.
- Students must be at least 17 years old and enrolled at the institution where the funds are being sent.
- Students have until they reach age 26 to use the funds in their CalKIDS Account.

## Eligible Use of Funds

Money in a CalKIDS Account can be used for qualified higher education expenses, such as:

- Tuition and fees
- Books and required supplies
- Computer equipment

Once funds are requested, they are sent directly to the institution.



**To learn more, visit  
CalKIDS.org today!**

