

## EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ELIGIBILITY

### Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA)

**Who is eligible:** Every child attending school is eligible to be the beneficiary of a Coverdell ESA. Any individual with income up to \$95,000 or \$190,000 for a married couple filing jointly, can contribute to a Coverdell account. Any business entity, regardless of income, can contribute to a Coverdell account. Contributions can be made to a child's account until age 18.

**Update:** The contribution limit is \$2,000 per year, per child if you earn less than \$95,000 as an individual or \$190,000 for a married couple filing jointly. If you earn more than this, you can still contribute to these accounts. Money from these accounts can be applied to education expenses incurred while the child is in grades K-12, as well as higher education expenses. The definition of qualified education expenses has been expanded to include elementary and secondary school expenses at public, private or religious schools. These expenses include: tuition, room and board, fees, uniforms, academic tutoring, transportation, books, computer supplies, Internet access, athletic equipment and special needs services, among many others.