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# Utah Fits All – What It’s Already Done for Families

Since launching, the Utah Fits All Scholarship has made a real and tangible difference for families across Utah — including many right here at UBCA. For some families, it has meant being able to afford private Christian education when it previously felt out of reach. For others, it has provided meaningful support for homeschool curriculum, tutoring, therapies, and specialized learning resources. It has reduced financial pressure for single-income households and military families and created flexibility so parents can choose the educational path that best fits their child — without being limited by their zip code.

At UBCA specifically, we’ve seen the impact firsthand.

In the 2024–2025 school year, 24 out of 96 full-time enrolled students were Utah Fits All recipients — that’s 25% of our student body.

For 2025–2026, 46 out of 113 full-time students are currently receiving Utah Fits All funds — which is just over 40% of our enrolled students.

That’s a significant increase in just one year. For many families, this scholarship hasn’t just been helpful — it has been the reason their student could stay at UBCA or receive the support they truly needed. It has opened doors and removed barriers in a very real way.

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## WHAT IS UTAH FITS ALL?

State-funded Education Savings Account (ESA) that provides funds for private school tuition, homeschool expenses, tutoring, curriculum, therapies, and other approved education costs.

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## WHO IS ODYSSEY?

Odyssey is the official program manager for the Utah Fits All Scholarship — meaning the State of Utah hired them to run, administer, and oversee the scholarship on the state’s behalf.

They manage:

- Applications
- Eligibility
- Student accounts
- Funding distribution
- Marketplace and reimbursements
- Provider approval
- Family and school support

Odyssey replaced ACE Scholarships on May 16, 2025.

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## **NEW INFORMATION (UPDATED 4/15/2026)**

Dear UFA Parents and Schools,

As we near the end of the program year, we want to remind parents about upcoming deadlines.

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### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- New student application deadline: May 1
- Returning student application deadline: May 31

Returning families adding students or new applicants in process must submit by the appropriate deadline.

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### **SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

- New school applications open: May 1
- New school applications close: June 1

School applications must be submitted by a school representative (parents cannot apply on behalf of a school).

Requirements for approved schools are listed in the UFA 26/27 Approved Private School Policy.

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### **SCHOOL SELECTION TIMELINE**

- School selection dropdown appears: April 17
- Schools appear as they are approved
- All schools listed by: June 12
- School selection deadline: June 15

School selection is required to determine funding amounts.

If no school is selected by June 15, students will be funded at the home-based scholarship amount based on age.

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### **PROGRAM DEADLINES**

- Last day to submit reimbursements: May 31
- Marketplace & tuition portal open until: June 30
- Final day to spend funds: June 30

Unused funds:

- May roll over at 66% (capped at \$2,000) for returning students
- Remaining funds return to the program if not returning

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### **AWARD NOTIFICATIONS**

- Award notifications begin: June 16
- Opt-in deadline: June 30

Students cannot be enrolled in an LEA or certain state programs prior to opting in.

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### **SUMMER FUNDING NOTE**

Once funding is issued in July:

- Reimbursements may include eligible purchases made after July 1
- Tuition paid before July 1 for the upcoming school year may be reimbursed once funds are active

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### **ADDING A SIBLING**

You do not need to wait until April 1 to add a sibling. When renewing your current student's application inside the Utah Fits All Scholarship portal, simply add the sibling during the renewal process.

# UTAH FITS ALL SCHOLARSHIP — FAQ (2026–2027)

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## **FUNDING AMOUNTS (NO INCOME TIERS FOR AWARD SIZE)**

- \$8,000 – Private school students (K–12; must be 5 before Sept 1)
- \$4,000 – Home-based students (ages 5–11 as of Sept 1)
- \$6,000 – Home-based students (ages 12–18 as of Sept 1)

Funding is based on student type/age — not income.

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## **PRIORITY ORDER (IF APPLICATIONS EXCEED AVAILABLE SPOTS)**

1. Returning students
  2. Siblings of prior recipients
  3. Families  $\leq$ 300% Federal Poverty Level
  4. Lottery applicants
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## **APPLICATION WINDOW (2026–2027)**

- March 1 – May 1 → New students
- March 1 – May 31 → Returning students

All applications must be submitted by the appropriate deadline above.

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## **PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENT (RETURNING STUDENTS)**

Returning students must submit ONE of the following inside the Odyssey portal by May 31:

- Written summary of progress
- Work samples
- Report card or progress report
- Standardized test results
- Learning documentation (photos/milestones)

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## HOW TO APPLY (NEW STUDENTS)

 Documents:

<https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/articles/39036277615003-What-Documents-or-Information-Do-I-Need-For-My-Application>

 Steps:

<https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/articles/34035293601819-New-Students-How-to-Complete-the-26-27-Program-Application>

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## 3 WAYS TO USE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Direct to UBCA – tuition, fees, clubs, events, field trips

Marketplace – approved supplies, curriculum, extracurriculars shipped directly

Reimbursements – submit receipts through Odyssey for ACH reimbursement



<https://support.withodyssey.com/hc/en-us/articles/40281176318875-Acceptable-Documentation-for-Reimbursements>

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## FLEX STUDENTS (UBCA UPPER HALL ONLY)

Marketplace payments cover:

- Class fee
- Book fee
- Flex registration fee

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## HELPFUL MARKETPLACE TIP

If a provider is not listed, they may apply through the Odyssey vendor portal year-round to become approved.

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## USING CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Registration: Yes
- Books: Yes (before first day of school)

- Tuition: No (new billing cycle begins after program transition)
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## **REIMBURSEMENT TIPS**

- Submit early
  - Use Marketplace when possible
  - Keep receipts organized
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## **DIVORCED OR SEPARATED FAMILIES**

Eligibility is based on the primary enrolling household as reported in Odyssey. Additional documentation may be required in shared custody situations.

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## **MILITARY FAMILIES**

May qualify if:

- All eligibility requirements are met
  - Student is not enrolled full-time in another public school
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## **APPROVED EXPENSES**

Allowed:

- Tuition, curriculum, tutoring
- Testing, therapies
- Educational software
- Limited transportation
- Extracurriculars (20% cap)
- Physical education (20% cap)

Not allowed:

- Food, furniture, clothing
- Entertainment
- Household goods

# Vendor / Provider Portal (Odyssey – Official Program Manager)

## Odyssey UFA Vendor Application

- The **vendor/provider application portal** for the Utah Fits All Scholarship *officially launched* on **June 11, 2025**. This is the gateway for vendors, service providers, and schools to register and begin the process of becoming approved providers in the UFA marketplace.

## How to Register

- You can create a provider account and **start your vendor/provider application anytime at the Odyssey registration portal here:**  
<https://ufa-vendors.withodyssey.com/registration/>
- After registering, you can submit your business info and offerings for review. Odyssey reviews each vendor/provider and each submitted offering for eligibility before anything goes live.

## Portal Access Rather Than Closed Dates

- Unlike the student scholarship application (which has set open/close dates), the **vendor/provider portal remains open continuously** so providers can apply any time during the year (subject to Odyssey's review and compliance).
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## What About the UEFA Organization?

- **Utah Education Fits All (UEFA)** is a *non-profit advocacy group*, not the official Program Manager for UFA. They provide community support, events, and information for families and providers, but **they do not operate the vendor application portal itself**.
  - UEFA has hosted *vendor fairs and networking events* in the past, but they do **not set formal portal open dates**—those come from Odyssey, the official administering platform.
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## Summary of Vendor Portal Timing

**Provider/Vendor application launched: June 11, 2025** (Odyssey vendor portal)

**Portal status:** Open **continuously** for new vendor/provider registrations and applications (no fixed “window close date”)

**After approval:** Providers can submit offerings to the Odyssey marketplace for parent/student use (following review/approval).

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### **If you’re planning to register as a vendor/provider:**

1. **Start by creating an account** at the Odyssey vendor registration page.
2. **Prepare required documents** like business licenses or IRS docs to complete your application.
3. Odyssey will review your submission; once approved, you can begin adding offerings to the UFA marketplace.

## **Updates on HB467Sub5 (3/6/26)**

### **Utah Fits All Update – HB467 (Latest Changes)**

As the legislative session comes to a close, **HB467: Utah Fits All Scholarship Program Modifications** was updated again and passed on the Senate floor with a **19–10 vote**. The newest version (Substitute 5) has now been sent back to the House for final approval.

To help families understand what this means, here is a **simple breakdown of what changed and what did not**.

#### **What the Bill Focuses On**

The bill mainly works to **clarify program rules and strengthen oversight** of the Utah Fits All scholarship. The goal is to ensure the program continues long-term while maintaining accountability for scholarship funds.

#### **Private School Definition**

The bill clarifies what qualifies as a **private school** within the program. Schools must function as a primary place of education with organized instruction, curriculum, and student progress monitoring.

#### **Accreditation Discussions**

Earlier versions of the bill proposed stricter accreditation requirements for private schools. The newest version **removes immediate accreditation mandates** and instead continues discussions on how accreditation may be addressed in the future.

### **Tuition Transparency**

Participating schools must clearly publish **tuition rates, fees, and refund policies** and apply them consistently to all families.

### **Student Eligibility Clarifications**

The bill clarifies age eligibility and other administrative details to make the program easier to manage and understand.

### **No Immediate Changes for Current Families**

For families currently using the scholarship, **nothing about funding amounts or eligibility changes right now**. The scholarship still provides:

- **\$8,000 for private school students**
- **\$4,000–\$6,000 for home-based students**

### **Program Stability**

The overall intent of the bill is to **protect and stabilize the program long term**, ensuring Utah families continue to have access to educational choice.

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#### **Bottom Line:**

The Utah Fits All program continues moving forward. Most of the changes focus on **clarifying rules and improving oversight**, not reducing scholarships or removing families from the program.