

ACE & SCOUTING

How to use "Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account Program Funds" to cover Scouting expenses.

What is the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account program?

The Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account program provides qualifying families with a \$1,000 (per child) credit that can be used to pay for a variety of enrichment activities that will accelerate learning for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more at <https://education.ohio.gov/OhioACE>

How can youth/families use the ACE funding?

The following is the list of ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES eligible for potential reimbursement provided on <https://education.ohio.gov/OhioACE>:

- Before- or after-school educational programs;
- Day camps, including camps for academics, music, and arts;
- Tuition for learning extension centers;
- Tuition for learning pods;
- The purchase of curriculum, manipulatives, and consumable materials for home-school families;
- Educational, learning, or study skills services;
- Field trips to historical landmarks, museums, science centers, and theaters – including admission, exhibit, and program fees;
- Language classes;
- Musical instrument lessons;
- Tutoring.

Additional clarifications on what is an allowable ACE expenditure: <https://help.aceohio.org/updated-program-changes>

What SCOUTING COSTS are "allowable expenses" under the OHIO ACE funding program?

Based on the list of approved expenses (see above) the following Scouting-related expenses may be considered for reimbursement:

- Day Activities, such as Merit Badge College and Council weekend events where an overnight stay is not required.
- Day Camps where an overnight stay is not required.

What Scouting expenses are NOT eligible for reimbursement at this time?

The following expenses are NOT considered an "allowable expense" under ACE and Ohio State Guidelines:

- Annual Registration Fees.
- Council-sponsored events requiring an overnight stay (such as Resident Camps, some Order of the Arrow events, NYLT, etc.)
Read more information [HERE](#).
- Handbooks or Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Adult Leader Registration Fees
- Activities and events organized by the Unit (that are not Council-sponsored events)
- Cost of supplies for Unit meetings or activities (such as supplies for a Den mtg or merit badge.)
- Any camping equipment or electronics.
- Uniforming or insignia.
- Travel expenses.

