

# LINDSEY NICOLE HENRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Act authorizes the parent or guardian of a public school student with a disability who is served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to exercise their parental option and request that an LNH Scholarship be awarded for their child to attend a participating private school approved by the State Board of Education. The Act also authorizes LNH scholarship eligibility for the following categories of students:

- A student who has had an Individualized Service Plan developed by the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- A student who is a child of a military family with permanent change of station orders who has moved to Oklahoma after receiving IDEA services in another state
- A student who has been served through the SoonerStart program and during transition has been determined to be eligible for school district services
- A student who has been in out-of-home placement through the Office of Juvenile Affairs
- A student who has been in out-of-home placement with DHS, or who was adopted while in the permanent custody of DHS

For students who are eligible due to their status as a public school student served under IDEA, the scholarship is awarded if the child is on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) prior to the request and has spent the previous school year in attendance at a public school in Oklahoma. SoonerStart children and military children are exempt from the public school attendance requirement; however, they are required to have an IEP. These students will submit the following documentation along with their LNH Scholarship application:

- Multidisciplinary Evaluation and Eligibility Group Summary Form (MEEGS)
- Current IEP
- Private school acceptance letter
- Vendor Payee form

Students who are eligible due to their DHS status are exempt from the IEP and the public school attendance requirement. These students simply submit an application, a vendor payee form, and proof of enrollment in an LNH approved private school. The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) will request verification regarding the child's ISP and/or placement or adoption from DHS.

Application information is available on the OSDE website at <https://sde.ok.gov/lnhs> or by phone at (405) 521-2372 or (405) 521-4876.

