

HOPE

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WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Hope Scholarship Non-Qualifying (Unallowable) Expense List

Adopted by Motion on September 20, 2024

The following items have been disapproved by the West Virginia Hope Scholarship Board for expenditure under the West Virginia Hope Scholarship Program. This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Additional items that are predominantly for personal use or that pose a high risk of fraud would also fall into this category and may be added by Board staff as identified.

- Items considered primarily to be home theater equipment, including but not limited to game consoles or multi-media gaming accessories.
- Travel fees or costs associated with educational field trips or other off-site learning experiences, including but not limited to transportation costs, parking fees, the cost of food purchased during the trip, and the cost of hotels or lodging.
- Household furniture, including but not limited to, desks, chairs, bookcases, couches, tables, and storage organizers.
- Virtual reality equipment
- Apple watches and/or fitness tracking watches/devices
- Theme/amusement/water park admissions (ex: Disney, Universal, Camden Park, etc.)
- Movie theater admissions
- Live animals and any associated expenses
- Motorized exercise equipment
- Family memberships of any type
- Pool tables
- Arcade games or visits
- Sports uniforms
- Performance costumes (ex: dance recitals, etc.)
- Travel sports, including tournament registration fees and any travel costs or fees.
- Television/entertainment streaming services (ex: Netflix, Disney+, Hulu, Peacock, etc.)
- Televisions
- Telephones
- Gift cards of any kind

- Groceries/food (Exception: Student lunch fees charged by a participating school for lunches consumed on school premises during the school day)
- Medications, vitamins & supplements
- Weapons & ammunition
- Jewelry
- Appliances
- Playground & lawn equipment
- Any clothing item other than a school uniform
- Any transportation related expenses incurred directly by a parent or guardian (ex: gasoline, diesel, etc.)
- Professional development/conferences for Hope Scholarship parents/account holders.
- Consulting services, training, assistance, or advice provided to a Hope Scholarship student's parent, account holder, or other person.
- Home internet service
- Trees
- Toys other than puzzles, molding clay/play-do, educational board games or specific toys recommended by a physician or therapist for students with disabilities
- Cookware, other household cooking equipment or cooking accessories, including but not limited to pots, pans, small kitchen appliances, utensils, and chicken pluckers
- Shoes and other footwear