

The Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account program provides funds to a student's parent or guardian to use on various enrichment and educational activities. The program is being offered through a contract between Merit International, Inc. and the Ohio Department of Education.

## Here's how it works for parents, guardians, students and service providers.

Step 1	<b>Complete the Application</b> Follow along the ACE Application Step-by-Step Guide for a walkthrough on the process of applying for ACE funds. This involves creating an OH ID account, requesting access to the Ohio ACE application and how to apply for the ACE Savings Account.
Step 2	<b>Sign Up with Merit</b> After completing the Ohio ACE application (this entire process may take up to two weeks), qualifying parents and guardians will receive an email from Merit notifying them to sign up to receive access to their account funds. The email also will include a link to the Education Marketplace.
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Step 3	<b>Spend ACE Funds with Qualified Education Service Providers</b> Parents and guardians will be able to access the Education Marketplace to find providers in their areas after the account has been set up with Merit on ACEOhio.org.
Scan here with your mobile device to learn more!	<b>Chio</b> Department of Education education.ohio.gov/OhioAce