What is the Opportunity Scholarship Program?
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Expands school choice for eligible students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

- Covers tuition and required fees at a participating nonpublic school.
- Awards up to $2,100 per student per semester ($4,200 per school year).
NCSEAA administers the program.

— Manages the application and award process.
— Ensures the school meets program requirements.
— Verifies each student’s eligibility.
— Disburses Opportunity Scholarship funds.
Which nonpublic schools participate in the program?
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The Opportunity Scholarship Program provides tuition assistance of up to $4,200 per year for awarded students who enroll in a participating nonpublic school. This program is income-based. For more information on eligibility requirements see the Prospective Students section below.

Click here for application instructions | Click here to apply

The new student application opens January 31, 2020. The Priority Window closes March 1, 2020. The application will remain open until August 31, 2020 for students to be considered for the full 2020-21 school year, as funds remain available.
How do I know if my student is eligible to apply for a Scholarship?
Eligibility Part 1

An eligible student meets all Part 1 requirements.

- is 5 years old on or before August 31
- lives in an eligible household
- has not graduated from high school
- is a resident of North Carolina
- has not been in college
Eligibility Part 2

An eligible student meets **at least 1** Part 2 requirement.

- received an Opportunity Scholarship last year
- was a full-time student attending a NC public or charter school or Department of Defense school in NC last spring semester
- is entering kindergarten or 1st grade
- is in foster care or was adopted within the last year
- has a parent on full-time active duty with the military
What are the Household Income Guidelines?
### Household Income Eligibility Guidelines 2020-2021

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<th># in Household</th>
<th>$4,200 Award Limit</th>
<th>Maximum Household Gross Income for 2019</th>
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<td>To receive full tuition up to $4,200</td>
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The Opportunity Scholarship will be for 90% of the required tuition and fees or $4,200, whichever is less.

**Household Income Worksheet**
There are 3 people in my household, and our total household income in 2019 was $33,500. I might want my student to attend Nonpublic School A where the required tuition and fees are $3,800 a year, but I’m also considering Nonpublic School B where the required tuition and fees are $5,200 a year. What are my options under the program?

Since the total income for a 3 person household income is less than $40,182, you are eligible for the full $4,200 to apply towards tuition and required fees.

### Your options

#### Nonpublic School A

- **Tuition**: $3,800
- **Max Award**: $3,800
- **Your portion**: $0

#### Nonpublic School B

- **Tuition**: $5,200
- **Max Award**: $4,200
- **Your portion**: $1,000

Since the tuition and fees are less than $4,200, The Opportunity Scholarship pays the entire amount. The Opportunity Scholarship pays $4,200 towards tuition and fees. You are responsible for the $1,000 difference.
There are 2 people in my household, and our total household income in 2019 was $33,500. I might want my student to attend Nonpublic School A where the required tuition and fees are $3,800 a year, but I’m also considering Nonpublic School B where the required tuition and fees are $5,200 a year. What are my options under the program?

Since the total household income is less than $42,419 but greater than $31,894, you are eligible for 90% of the required tuition and fees. The Opportunity Scholarship Program will pay 90% or $4,200, whichever is less.

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The tuition and fees are less than $4,200. The Opportunity Scholarship pays 90% of the cost.

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My student meets all the eligibility requirements.

Where do I find the application?
Forms are online.

New Student Application:

www.NCSEAA.edu

- K12 Grants
- Opportunity Scholarships

Renewing Student Application:

https://myportal.ncseaa.edu

- The parent must complete a separate renewal process for each renewing student.
When do I submit my completed application?
Application period begins

Go to ncseaa.edu for application!
What is priority selection?
Priority Selection

1. Renewal applicants

2. New applicants selected from Priority Selection Lottery

3. New applicants not selected in lottery

4. Eligible applicants who applied AFTER the March 1 priority submission deadline.
Priority selection deadline is March 1.
What happens if I miss the priority deadline?
All eligible applicants, new and renewing, are added to the waitlist in receipt order.

Renewing students who apply after the priority deadline are not guaranteed a Scholarship.
How do I know if my application was accepted?
You’ve got mail!

Information about next steps and the Student Portal.
When does award selection begin?
Award selection begins in **April**.

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How is the school paid?
NCSEAA pays the school directly.

* You must sign via the electronic endorsement process before any payments can be sent.
Additional Information

www.ncseaa.edu

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