

Opportunity Scholarship Program Definitions

“Academic Year” means two Semesters, beginning with the fall Semester.

“Household” means a group of related or nonrelated individuals, who are not residents of an institution or boarding house, but who are living as one economic unit.

“Income” means gross income that includes earnings, wages, welfare, pensions, support payments, unemployment compensation, social security, and other cash income from any source.

“Parent” means:

- a. A natural, adoptive, or foster parent;
- b. A guardian, but not the State if the child is a ward of the State;
- c. An individual acting in the place of a natural or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative, and with whom the child lives;
- d. An individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare; or
- e. A surrogate if one is appointed under G.S. § 115C-109.2.

“Participation Agreement” means the agreement, in a form acceptable to the Authority, by which a School agrees to administer the Program in compliance with the Act and the Program Policies on behalf of the students at the School who participate in the Program.

“Program” means the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

“School” means a North Carolina nonpublic school as defined in G.S. § 115C-562.1(5) that has completed the Opportunity Scholarship Program registration process established by the Authority.

“SEAA” means the State Education Assistance Authority, a political subdivision of the State, created under Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

“State” means the State of North Carolina.