

- ▶ **Both programs** expand school choice for eligible North Carolina students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ▶ SEAA is a state agency which manages the application and award process, ensures that eligible schools meet program requirements, verifies student eligibility, and disburses funds.
- ▶ Nonpublic schools must register with SEAA to participate in either or both programs.
- ▶ Eligible schools for the Opportunity Scholarship must be a nonpublic school. Eligible schools for the Disabilities Grant can be either nonpublic schools or public schools for which the payment of tuition would be required.
- ▶ Eligible students must be at least 5 years old, not a high school graduate, and a resident of NC.
- ▶ To meet the enrollment eligibility requirement, new students who apply are either entering kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or have a parent on full-time active duty with the military, or have been a full time student attending a North Carolina public school or a Department of Defense school in North Carolina the entire spring semester before the school year for which they are applying.
- ▶ Renewal students (students who received funds in the prior year) have priority over new students.
- ▶ New student applications for the Opportunity Scholarship and the Disabilities Grant are online at **[www.ncseaa.edu](http://www.ncseaa.edu)**.
- ▶ In addition to applying to the Programs, families must apply to the eligible school of their choice and enroll the student at the school.

## In addition:

### Opportunity Scholarship

- ▶ Pays tuition and required fees at a participating nonpublic school
- ▶ Students in foster care or who were adopted in the last year may be eligible even if they did not attend public school in the spring semester prior.
- ▶ Awards up to \$4,200 per student per school year
- ▶ An eligible student must live in a household which meets Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- ▶ The new student application opens each year on February 1. The priority deadline is March 1. New applicants are selected from a priority selection lottery. The application remains open until funds are exhausted.

### Disabilities Grant

- ▶ Pays tuition and required fees at a participating nonpublic school / Reimburses parents for additional qualified expenses related to educating a child with a disability / Can be used by home school students
- ▶ Students who have lived in NC the last six months but who do not meet the public school enrollment criteria may be eligible
- ▶ Awards up to \$8,000 per student per school year
- ▶ An eligible student is a child with a disability who requires special education, as documented by the public school IEP.
- ▶ The new student application opens on May 1. There is no lottery. Eligible students are considered in the order applications are received until funds are exhausted; certain priorities apply.