K12 PROGRAMS: UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opportunity and Disabilities: Testing
By statute, nonpublic schools must report test scores for Scholarship or Grant recipients in 3rd grade and higher. Tests must (1) be nationally standardized; (2) be an achievement test; and (3) measure the areas specified, including reading, writing, and math. See the Testing and Reporting process.

Opportunity and Disabilities: Graduation rates
Schools with seniors (recipients in either program in 2015-16) will need to provide the senior year outcome by July 15. We will ask via email: Did the students who started at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year as seniors (1) graduate, (2) transfer (where?), or (3) leave school for unknown reasons?

Opportunity and Disabilities: Webinars
SEAA is planning several webinars for June. Topics will include program eligibility for students, reporting test scores, and the disbursement processes. Several webinars will be optional; an excellent introduction or review for you or any new school staff working with these programs. At least one webinar will be required as we revisit the Recipient Certification process prior to the 2016-17 school year. We will schedule the webinars several times. We hope to record and offer them online as well.

Opportunity Scholarships: Awards for 2016-17
Scholarship offers for 2016-17 were made to 3,000 students. Families must respond to the offer by May 2 via the Student Portal. SEAA will post 2016-17 Interested Applicants lists by next week (Nonpublic School Portal) listing new students who have chosen your school. NOTE: Renewal students do not need to accept the 2016-17 Scholarship. Renewal students will not appear as Interested Applicants.

Disabilities Grant: Renewals / New applications for 2016-17
Current recipients of the Disabilities Grant will be invited to renew for 2016-17 in the next week. Families should expect an email. Like with the Opportunity renewal, this is an electronic process completed on the Disabilities Grant Student Portal, and only students for whom funds have disbursed may renew. The deadline to renew is May 31. The application for new students opens here on May 1.

Disabilities Grant: Evaluation dates (documentation of a disability)
To remain eligible for this program, students need an evaluation date within the last three years. For payment of fall 2016 expenses, students must have an evaluation date of 9/1/2013 or later. For payment of spring 2017 expenses, students must have an evaluation date of 1/1/2014 or later. Current grant recipients can return to the public school for an updated evaluation or see a private psychologist (licensed in North Carolina with a school psychology focus). Families whose students have evaluations which will be outdated in 2016 have received information from SEAA.

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