K12 PROGRAMS: UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Important Explanations: Recipient Certification

The Opportunity Scholarship Program continues with payment processing for the fall 2015 semester. The Disabilities Grant Program begins soon. Processes occur via the Nonpublic School Portal. The order of activity is as follows:

Interested Applicants → Recipient Certification → Endorsement Forms → Disbursement

Schools can expect payment approximately 3 weeks after a properly completed endorsement form is submitted. Note that for the Disabilities Grant, there will be no Interested Applicants list for 2015-16 due to the compressed implementation timeline for disbursement to nonpublic schools. The first Recipient Certification lists should appear for Disabilities Grant students later this week.

Recipient Certification reminders:
1. Here are links to Recipient Certification instructions for Disabilities Grant and for Opportunity Scholarship.
2. Tuition and fees reported on Recipient Certification ("standard" cost) should match what is published on school documentation, and what is charged of all students. Schools cannot charge Opportunity Scholarship or Disabilities Grant students differently than other students.
3. If a Scholarship recipient enrolls in the nonpublic school after the beginning of the semester that student should be charged whatever is normally charged of students enrolling at that time. Again, schools cannot charge Opportunity Scholarship or Disabilities Grant students differently than other students.
4. The Disabilities Grant Program can only pay schools for costs required of all students. If a school offers supplemental services for children with disabilities, the parent will pay that portion and seek reimbursement from the Disabilities Grant Program.
5. Students may be recipients in both programs if eligible and awarded for both. A nonpublic school will need to enter the information in Recipient Certification on the Opportunity Scholarship side and on the Disabilities Grant side. The information (Standard cost, Annual cost, Fall cost) should match. The Opportunity Scholarship will pay first, and the Disabilities Grant will pay second in these cases.

Timeline for Endorsement Forms and Disbursement of funds:
1. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (10/30/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of November 23.
2. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (11/6/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of November 30.
3. Endorsement Forms uploaded to SEAA by Friday afternoon (11/13/15) → Schools will receive payment for those students during the week of December 7.

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