OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

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News

The Opportunity Scholarship Program is the subject of lawsuits now pending before the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Opportunity Scholarship Program staff has been authorized to prepare for the 2015-16 school year but cannot disburse funds without further order of the Court. A decision is expected in March.

The priority deadline for new and renewal applicants for the 2015-16 school year is March 1, 2015. See the Program Overview for more information about the lottery and waitlist.

Quick Explanation: about homeless students

Homeless students are eligible for an Opportunity Scholarship. A parent must apply for the student. A parent means a natural, adoptive, or foster parent; a guardian; a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives; or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare.

Encourage families in this situation to contact the Opportunity Scholarship staff for help in completing the application.

Reminder: required documents from newly participating schools
1. Opportunity Scholarship Program Participation Agreement
2. Federal W-9 Form
3. Master File Record Data Form AND voided check (to collect banking information)
4. Criminal Background Check Compliance Form
5. National Criminal Background Check (dated on or after 2/1/14 for new participants)
6. Tuition & Fees Schedule for the 2015-16 school year.

Reminder: required documents from currently registered schools
1. The National Criminal Background Check collected this past year is good until 2/1/16.
2. The Tuition & Fees Schedule for the 2015-16 school year is also required from currently registered nonpublic schools.

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