News: a few numbers

- Opportunity Scholarships offered to students: 1538
- Opportunity Scholarship applications received to date: 4327

Note that the Opportunity Scholarship Program staff has been authorized to prepare for the 2015-16 school year but cannot disburse funds without an order by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Quick Explanation: award offer communication to families

SEAA posts notifications to families on the Opportunity Scholarship Student Portal. An email is sent to the family when a status has been posted or changed for a student. This email always contains the student’s ID number and a link to the Student Portal.

The following Opportunity Scholarship Student Portal messages explain the Opportunity Scholarship award to families. There are two possible messages. The first is for students awarded a 90% scholarship. The sentence in italics is replaced by the sentence in parentheses for students awarded a full scholarship (up to $4,200 per year).

“Your student has been awarded an Opportunity Scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year, subject to the conditions below. The maximum amount of the Opportunity Scholarship is either 90% of your student’s required tuition and fees or $2,100 per semester, whichever is less. If we are permitted to disburse funds, SEAA will send the funds directly to your student's school. The school will contact you to come to the school and sign a form endorsing the payment of the Opportunity Scholarship to the school. Click the OPS Acceptance link above to accept or decline the scholarship before May 1, 2015. Contact us by email if you need additional time.” ("The maximum amount of the Opportunity Scholarship is $2,100 per semester; however, the amount cannot be more than your student's required tuition and fees.")

Note that families chosen for Income Verification must accept the Opportunity Scholarship AND submit verification documents by May 1. Click here to see the recent update about Verification.

Reminder: student withdrawal / return of funds

When Opportunity Scholarship students withdraw from your school, you must notify SEAA and return any funds necessary within 30 days of the student’s withdrawal. Full details and the withdrawal form are available here and on the Opportunity Scholarship Program website. Note that you should notify SEAA via the withdrawal form whether or not funds must be returned.

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