The Opportunity Scholarship Program is the subject of lawsuits now pending before the North Carolina Supreme Court. Preparations for the Opportunity Scholarship Program continue for the 2015-16 school year. However no 2015-16 funds will be disbursed without further order of the Court.

Reminder: Webinar next week
Full webinar details available here. Monday, May 18 or Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 or 2:00.

News: Program Updates
On the Welcome screen in the Nonpublic School Portal, a new button has been added on the top right portion of the screen. Click on Program Updates to connect to the latest information about the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Quick Explanation: Income Verification clarification
Click here to see the Verification Worksheet. Click here and here to see previous Updates which discussed Income Verification. The list of Interested Applicants provided to you on the Nonpublic School Portal includes a column labeled Verify. The Y in this column means that the student’s family has been chosen for Income Verification. It does not mean that verification has been completed. The N in this column means that the student’s family has not been chosen for verification. Nonpublic schools should ask the student’s family for information about the outcome of verification if desired.

Beginning June 1, nonpublic schools will view Recipient Certification lists on the Nonpublic School Portal. These lists will include students who have accepted the Opportunity Scholarship and will require action by the nonpublic school. (Attend the May webinar for more information.) If a student was listed on the Interested Applicant list, but is not listed on the Recipient Certification list, here are possible explanations.

1) The student’s family was chosen for Income Verification and the family has not completed the process.
2) The student’s family was chosen for Income Verification and the result showed that the student’s family was not eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship.
3) The student’s family has not accepted the Opportunity Scholarship.
4) The student’s family has changed the nonpublic school choice.

The nonpublic school should reach out to the student’s family for more information as needed.

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