OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

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News
Preparation for the fall disbursement has begun. A reminder of the key processes (Recipient Certification, Endorsement Forms, Disbursement) was in a recent update. Click here. Last week, we shared the schedule for uploading Endorsement Forms and receiving payment. Click here.

Notes:
The amount of money listed on the Endorsement Form for fall is the amount the school will be paid. Do not have the parent sign the form if you feel that there has been an error. Contact us. Pay attention to the anticipated spring amount. If you feel that there has been an error, contact us.

Delays will occur if a student has changed schools this summer, or if a school has changed its information (such as the name of the school). Delays will also occur if the Endorsement Forms are emailed or faxed. Upload them through the Nonpublic School Portal.

Quick Explanation: Kindergarten students
We have had questions about pre-Kindergarten or “transitional” Kindergarten programs. The Opportunity Scholarship Program is designed for one year of Kindergarten. The Opportunity Scholarship cannot be used for expenses related to preschool or a pre-Kindergarten year.

Quick Explanation: Applicants vs. Recipients
The Opportunity Scholarship Program provides data for public records requests which include the number of students who have applied for the program. After funds are disbursed, we will provide data about the number of Opportunity Scholarship recipients. Keep in mind that applicants may or may not be eligible. Applicants may or may not be awarded an Opportunity Scholarship. Applicants who are awarded an Opportunity Scholarship may or may not accept it, and thus may or may not have funds paid on their behalf.

In the public data which the Opportunity Scholarship Program releases, the term recipients refers to students for whom funds are disbursed.

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