Students offered a Disabilities Grant

My student started this year in public school. If I was recently awarded the grant, do I have to transfer my student to a nonpublic school immediately?
No. You can opt to begin receiving the Disabilities Grant for the spring semester. Email DGrants@ncseaa.edu to let us know that you will use the Grant beginning with second semester.

I changed my mind and do not want my student to attend a nonpublic school this year. Can I keep the Disabilities Grant until next year?
No. If you do not use the Disabilities Grant this year (school year 2015-16) and want to be considered for next year (2016-17) you’ll need to reapply as a new student. The application for next year will be available beginning May 1, 2016.

Students on the waitlist

Funding for the 2015-16 school year is exhausted. There will be no additional awards for the current school year.

What is the order of students on the waitlist?
Eligible applicants are on the waitlist in the order in which applications were received.

My student appears to be eligible now but is on the waitlist. If I keep my student in public school this year (2015-16) will I receive any priority for 2016-17?
No. A family with a student in this situation should complete a new application beginning May 1, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year.

My student appears to be eligible now but is on the waitlist. If I enroll my student in the nonpublic school this year (2015-16) at my own expense will he or she be eligible for the 2016-17 school year?
Yes, if you choose to enroll your student in a nonpublic school for at least the full spring 2016 semester at your own expense, the Disabilities Grant Program will hold your 2015-16 application with its eligible status for use as an application for the 2016-17 school year. Note that this policy is in effect only for this transition (2015-16 to 2016-17) and will not be extended for applications received in future years.

In addition, families will need to have a DEC3 from a public school dated 2013 or later prior to any Grant awards for the 2016-17 school year. SEAA will have more information for families of students on the waitlist in early spring 2016.
**Legislative changes**

Will the Disabilities Grant now be paying the school on behalf of my student?
Yes. The General Assembly amended the statutes governing the program to require disbursement of Grants covering tuition directly to the nonpublic school the student is attending.

What does a school have to do to receive Grants covering tuition directly for eligible students?
The amended statute imposes certain requirements on nonpublic schools before Grants for tuition can be disbursed directly to the schools. Nonpublic schools that have already completed the requirements for receipt of grant funds under the Opportunity Scholarship Program are currently eligible to receive Disabilities Grant Program funds directly under the amended statute. Other nonpublic schools interested in enrolling recipients of the Grant should contact DGrants@ncseaa.edu for more information.

Check this list of participating nonpublic schools for both the Opportunity Scholarship and the Disabilities Grant.

Will families still get reimbursed for some expenses?
Families preapproved to receive the Grant for other qualified expenses (Related Services, Special Education, Educational Technology) will continue to submit reimbursement documents and be reimbursed for those expenses.

In addition, under limited circumstances and for the fall 2015 semester only, parents of students who attend a nonpublic school which has not yet registered to receive Disabilities Grant funds directly may submit a tuition statement from that nonpublic school and be reimbursed for the fall 2015 tuition.

What if the nonpublic school provides supplemental special education for my student and bills me for it?
The cost of supplemental education services is reimbursable (up to the total maximum amount of the Grant) to the parent applicant. The Grant will not remit funds directly to a nonpublic school for supplemental education services.

Why do I need to agree for SEAA to “Share my Information”?
In order for us to remit Grants to nonpublic schools directly, we will need to ask them to report tuition cost information to us on behalf of your student. We will be sharing your name and contact information, and identifying your student as a Disabilities Grant recipient at that school. Sign on to the Disabilities Grant Student Portal and click the button which says “Share Information”.

Only families with students enrolled in a nonpublic school need to give us this permission. Home school families will not need to give permission. There will not be a “Share Information” button for home school families.

For general Disabilities Grant questions, consult the regular Frequently Asked Questions online. Note that these FAQ have not been updated to reflect the legislative changes approved by the General Assembly in September 2015.