K12 PROGRAMS: UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opportunity Scholarships: 2016-17 Awards and Waitlist
Opportunity Scholarship funds are fully awarded. As families decline or opt not to enroll their students, we are awarding from the waitlist. This year is different than last year. Fewer families have declined the Scholarship. More families have enrolled their students. No additional funds are forthcoming. We do not expect to make a large number of additional awards. Many students on the waitlist will not receive a 2016-17 Scholarship. If families on the waitlist wish students to be considered in 2017-18, they will need to re-apply in February 2017 and meet the new student eligibility requirements at that time.

Opportunity Scholarships: 2016-17 Application
The 2016-17 Opportunity Scholarship application is closed and will not reopen. Funds allocated from the General Assembly for 2016-17 have been used to award students based on the eligible applications already received. From applications received by the end of May, there are over 2,000 eligible students on the waitlist. Applications received in June and July will only be reviewed in the unlikely event that award consideration is possible for those students. The application for 2017-18 will open February 1, 2017.

Disabilities Grant: 2016-17 Awards and Waitlist
New student awards have been offered to Disabilities Grant applicants. We are in the process of reviewing applications received for students who were previously ineligible but may be eligible due to legislative changes. Additional new student awards are likely. We will continue to post Interested Applicants lists for these students. The application remains open at this time.

Disabilities Grant: Recipient Certification and Endorsement Forms
Disabilities Grant Recipient Certification will begin the week of August 8. Endorsement Forms for both programs will begin to be posted the week of August 15. Last week, we reviewed possible reasons for Endorsement Form delays for Opportunity Scholarship students. Endorsement Forms for Disabilities Grant students will also be delayed if families need to submit documentation of public school attendance, and in addition, might be delayed if students don’t have a current evaluation on file. More information about Disabilities evaluations is here, but check the FAQ mentioned below for an update.

Disabilities Grant: Program Changes
We have now developed a short FAQ for Disabilities Grant families regarding the changes to their program. The Disabilities Grant changed in more ways than the Opportunity Scholarship. We explained changes to both programs in a document for school officials here.

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