OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS
May 1, 2015

Important Reminder: for currently participating schools
SEAA will not accept requests for payment for the 2014-15 school year after May 15, 2015.
Check your records and be sure that you have submitted Parent Endorsement forms for all

News: Verification now on Interested Applicants Lists
On the Nonpublic School Portal (see below if your school is not currently participating in the
Opportunity Scholarship Program) schools can access the Interested Applicants List. Click here
for an explanation of the Interested Applicants Lists. A column labeled “Verify” has been added
to that list. Students whose families have been chosen for Verification have a “Y” in this column.
There is no action required by the school other than to assist or remind the family if desired.

Click here to see the Verification Worksheet and here to see a previous Update which discusses
Income Verification. Note that all families whose students were offered an Opportunity
Scholarship must accept the Scholarship by May 1. This date has not changed. Families who
were chosen for Income Verification now have until May 15 to submit their documents.

Quick Explanation: Nonpublic School Portal for new schools
Schools which do not yet participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program can register to
participate on the Nonpublic School Portal. Click here to access the School Portal, and then
click “Create an account” when you arrive to the Portal Access page. Allow a few days for
Opportunity Scholarship Staff to respond to your sign-up request. Explanations of the Nonpublic
School Registration process as well as the required documents are available online.

Quick Explanation: Testing Fees
SEAA recently sent an explanation of the testing required for all Opportunity Scholarship
students (grades 3-12). The information is also available here. The statute which governs the
Opportunity Scholarship requires this testing. Also from the statute: “A nonpublic school that
accepts students receiving scholarship grants shall not require any additional fees based on the
status of the student as a scholarship grant recipient.” It is therefore unacceptable to charge the
Opportunity Scholarship students for the testing fees if those fees are not required of all
students at that grade level.

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