

# K12 Programs: Eligibility Requirements Updated for 2023-24

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for each program.

Families can apply for both programs.

## Opportunity Scholarship

### All Required

- Household must meet the Household Income Eligibility Guidelines (students in foster care are automatically eligible regardless of the household income of their foster family)
- At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 by April 16 and approved for kindergarten according to [State guidelines](#)
- Lives in NC
- Has not graduated high school
- Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time\*

### One Required

- Received and used Opportunity Scholarship funds in previous year
- Attended a NC public school or Department of Defense school in NC as a full-time student\*\*
- Entering kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- In foster care, or adopted within the last year
- Has a parent on full-time active military duty, or a parent who received an honorable discharge within the last year

## ESA+

### **All Required:**

- Is a child with a disability who requires special education, as documented by a NC public school IEP Eligibility Determination
  - At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 by April 16 and approved for kindergarten according to [State guidelines](#)
  - Lives in NC
  - Has not graduated from high school
  - Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time\*
  - Eligible to attend public school in NC
- Students who meet the criteria outlined above and have one of the following designated as the primary or secondary disability on the IEP Eligibility Determination may be eligible for a higher scholarship award than full-time students without these designated disabilities.

Terms listed in parentheses as they appear on the Eligibility Determination:

- Autism (Autism)
- Hearing Impairment (Hearing Impairment, Deafness, Deaf-Blindness)
- Moderate or Severe Intellectual or Developmental Disability (Intellectual Disability, Moderate or Severe)
- Multiple, Permanent Orthopedic Impairments (Orthopedic Impairment)
- Visual Impairment (Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blindness)

\*Full-time: 12 or more credit hours in a given semester.

\*\*Attendance in the spring semester prior, or attendance two years prior with private school attendance in between

For both programs, students funded in the prior year receive priority consideration.

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