Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

North Carolina’s Opportunity Scholarship Program
Helpful Hints for Zoom


- Zoom has **closed captioning** available

**Asking Questions**

- Use the Q & A to ask your questions *(chat is disabled).*
- Please do NOT provide confidential information during this Zoom session.
- Email [OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu](mailto:OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu) to ask questions about an individual student.

**Answering Questions**

- Presentation team will answer questions from the Q & A at the end.
- Only questions related to this session’s content will be addressed live.
Need to Reach Us?

EMAIL ADDRESS: OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu

Please be sure you are emailing the Program from the email address listed in your MyPortal parent account. Otherwise, program staff will not be able to respond with student-level information.

Provide Program Staff with as much information as possible in the email! Include: Student Name(s), PID #, Parent Name, Detailed Question(s) and/or Concerns

1-855-330-3955
Parent Obligations
Parent Responsibilities

**DO:**

- Notify us immediately if you withdraw from your private school to attend public school
- Keep an eye on deadline dates in MyPortal
- Submit documentation via MyPortal if requested
- Allow your student to be tested (3rd grade and higher; your school is required to test)

**DON’T:**

- Give anyone your MyPortal credentials (not even your school)
- Request or accept a refund of scholarship funds from your school

Parents, **do** check MyPortal at least **once a week** as long as your student is connected to the Opportunity Scholarship Program!
The Parent of Record (in MyPortal)
The MyPortal Parent

**Tip:** Need to update your email?

*Update your email address in two sections in MyPortal = My Contact Information & User Profile*

- The parent of record must be a parent with whom the child lives
- Only one parent can be listed in the MyPortal record
- The parent of record should be the only person responsible for accessing the MyPortal account

**Tip:** Is the parent who primarily manages Opportunity Scholarship business *not* the parent who is listed in MyPortal?

*Email Opportunity Scholarship and request to change the parent of record.*
To Do List

Items with ☑ have been received. Items with ☐ are not received or incomplete.

K12 Grant and Scholarship Accounts
To Do List for 2022-2023

Student: Test Student

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Your To Do list is a summary of the items required for the academic year displayed at the top of the screen. Items may be shown more than once if required for more than one program.
MyPortal Notifications

An email is called a notification in MyPortal.

Step 1: Log onto your MyPortal account

Step 2: Go to the “Notifications” Section

Step 3: Click the link under the “Notification” column to review the message
We recommend that parents check their MyPortal notifications every week.

Are there items on the To Do list?

MyPortal Guide for Parents
Helpful Online Resources

www.ncseaa.edu

Explore K12 Funding

Opportunity Scholarship

Interested in Opportunity Scholarship

Opportunity: New Scholarship Families

Opportunity: Current Scholarship Families

Opportunity: Statutes, Rules, & Data

Prior Public School Enrollment

Income Verification
**La Beca de Oportunidad**

¿Quiénes pueden aplicar? Familias que cumplan los requisitos en función de sus ingresos.

La Beca de Oportunidad es un programa basado en ingresos que ayuda a las familias a costear los gastos de matrícula y cuotas en las escuelas de pago directo. La Beca de Oportunidad no puede ser usada para la educación en casa.

- Becas de hasta $6,492 para el curso escolar 2023-2024.

Más información

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**El Programa de Cuentas de Ahorro para la Educación del Estudiante (ESA+)**

¿Quiénes pueden aplicar? Familias de estudiantes con discapacidades, incluyendo a los que reciben educación en casa.

El programa de Cuentas de Ahorro para la Educación del Estudiante (ESA+) está destinado a los estudiantes con discapacidades. Las familias pueden utilizarla para pagar la matrícula escolar y las cuotas de las escuelas privadas elegibles, y para gastos tales como logopedia, servicios de tutoría y tecnología educativa.

- Otorga $9,000 para el curso escolar 2023-2024. Los estudiantes con ciertas discapacidades designadas pueden ser elegibles para recibir $17,000 para el curso escolar.

Como parte del proceso de aplicación, se le pedirá que verifique si su estudiante tiene una discapacidad. Los solicitantes que lo hagan por primera vez, deben presentar un documento de Determinación de Elegibilidad actual del Programa de Educación Individualizada del estudiante (IEP, en sus siglas en inglés), emitido por una escuela pública de Carolina del Norte.

Más información
90% Recipient
90% Recipient Scenario

In this example, a family receiving a 90% award is trying to decide between two schools.

A $6,000 annual tuition
B $9,500 annual tuition

How Much You Might Owe

Since the total household income is greater than $55,500 but less than $111,000, you are eligible for 90% of the required tuition and fees. The Opportunity Scholarship Program will pay 90% or $6,492, whichever is less.

Parents: When in doubt, contact your student’s school to inquire about their 2023-2024 tuition & fees!
Direct Payment Schools

List of current Direct Payment Schools

Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools: 2022-2023
ESA+ parents, if your school is not listed, see information here

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Need help choosing a school?

Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC) is a resource to help families find schools. You can use their online tool, NCSchoolsAroundMe, to get a customized list of the schools closest to you. They also offer a Parent Resource Guide for choosing a private school.
Enrollment Options

**Full Year Enrollment**
Students who receive the Opportunity Scholarship typically enroll full-time in a private school.

**Co-Enrollment Options**
1 private school + 1 private school (co-enrollment)
1 private school + 1 public school (co-enrollment, reduced award, 50%)

**Single Term Conversion**
Unable to secure enrollment into Direct Payment School for the Fall 2023 semester? Please email the Opportunity Scholarship program to let us know. We can convert your student's full-year award offer to a single-term for the Spring 2024 semester. (*reduced award, 50%*)

[Opportunity Scholarship Co-Enrollment Webpage](#)

*Private School must be registered as a Direct Payment School with NCSEAA*
A student’s award can be transferred to another eligible nonpublic school. Award funds can only be sent to two schools per semester.

The amount of available funds that can be sent to the new school depends on the number of weeks the student has attended the previous school. The chart below shows the percentage of award funds a school is entitled to keep based on the number of weeks a student has attended.

Review our K12 Programs: School Transfers document before emailing Opportunity Scholarships to request a school transfer.

Reminder: Opportunity Scholarship recipients may only transfer funding to a Direct Payment School.
New students entering 3rd-12th Grade ONLY

To qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship, a new student must have attended a NC public school* or Department of Defense school as a full-time student:

During Spring 2023 Semester

or

for the entire 2021 – 2022 school year and have attended an NC nonpublic school for 2022 – 2023**

*Public schools are traditional public schools, magnet schools, and charter schools.

**Parent should contact the program IF their student attended another NC private school that’s not a Direct Payment School
If the Opportunity Scholarship can’t verify your student’s enrollment in a NC Public School, then a “Proof of Prior Enrollment” Task will be assigned to your student’s MyPortal record.

This typically occurs in late August. Specific instructions about what document to upload to MyPortal will be sent via email.
Endorsement

SCHOOL

1. **FALL**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

2. **SPRING**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

PARENT

1. **FALL**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.

2. **SPRING**: Confirm the Scholarship amount that will be paid.
Endorsement: *an electronic step in MyPortal*

- Is the correct school listed?
- Double check:
  - the school’s tuition and fees, and
  - the scholarship amount that will be paid to the school
- Parents must type in their first & last names as they appear in MyPortal.
Payment Timeline

**AUGUST** : Certification (*schools do this*)

**August / September**: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (FALL)

**January / February**: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (SPRING)
What other information can we provide?

We look forward to helping you during the 2023-2024 school year!
Contact Us

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