Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

North Carolina’s Opportunity Scholarship Program
Helpful Hints for Zoom

*Slides & Recording* will be posted at [Opportunity Scholarship – NCSEAA](https://www.opportunityscholarship.org/)

- 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
Before you Apply

The Opportunity Scholarship application will open on Thursday, February 1, 2024
What will you need before applying?

**Need:**
- Parent of Record’s Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- Student(s) Social Security Number
  *If your student does not have an SSN, please email the program for assistance.*
- Parent of Record’s Driver’s License Number
- Annual household income amount for tax year 2023.

**DON’T:**
- Email tax return documents.
- Email pictures of your driver's license.
- Email pictures of your Social Security Card
Choosing a Direct Payment School
# Direct Payment Schools

## List of current Direct Payment Schools

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**Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools: 2022-2023**

**ESA+ parents, if your school is not listed, see information here**

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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.
How to Apply
Step #1: Create a MyPortal Parent Account

MyPortal Account Login:
User Name:  
Password:  
By logging in, I certify that I have read, agree to and understand the Terms and Conditions page.

Login

Forgot your username or password?

Create an Account: Except School/Institution Users. See your administrator for assistance.

In order to create an account, click here Create an Account.

To return to the SEAA website, click here.

If you are having trouble logging in, Login Support
(855) 763-5333
loginhelp@ncseaa.edu

Need Help?

English Guide  Spanish Guide
The MyPortal Parent’s Responsibilities

- 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
- 50/50 split custody? Children of divorced or separated parents are part of the household that has 50 percent or more custody. Choose who the parent of record will be.

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

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

**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.*
Step #2: Add Students & Apply

February 1 – March 1

Add student(s) to your MyPortal parent account and complete your application(s).
*Submit a separate application for each student and enter the same household size & income for each student.

Apply by March 1 for priority consideration.

Important Tips:

✔ Take your time! Be sure to enter all information accurately & correctly

✔ If you misspell your student’s name or enter an incorrect DOB or SSN, please email us to help you correct the error.
Household Income & Award Tiers
Scholarships are awarded based on a family’s **household income**

### Reminders:
- Please review our [Income Calculator](#) document for tips on calculating your income.
- For the purposes of the Program, we require the reporting of all taxable or untaxable money received, before deductions, by all members of your household for 2023. We are required to go by what is reported to the IRS.

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<th>Number in Household</th>
<th>Award Tier 1: Maximum Income to receive $1,213 up to the cost of tuition and fees</th>
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<th>Award Tier 3: Maximum Income to receive $1,326 up to the cost of tuition and fees</th>
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This chart shows estimated income guidelines and award amounts and will be updated in late January 2024. Families should use these guidelines only to estimate their award amount.
How much could a parent owe?

In this example, each student is awarded $4,328 (AWARD TIER 3) and the parent is trying to decide between two schools.

A = Tuition higher than award amount

B = Tuition lower than award amount

Nonpublic School A

| Tuition  | $10,000 |
| Award    | -- $4,328 |
| Your portion | $5,672 |

Nonpublic School B

| Tuition  | $4,000 |
| Max Award | -- $4,000 |
| Your portion | $0 |

Household Size = 5
Total Income for 2023 = $134,000

*AWARD TIER 3*

The Opportunity Scholarship will disburse $2,164 during the Fall semester & $2,164 during the Spring semester. You are responsible for the $5,672 difference.

The Opportunity Scholarship will disburse $2,000 during the Fall semester & $2,000 during the Spring semester. You do not owe the school any tuition fees.

Parents: When in doubt, contact your student’s school to inquire about their 2024-2025 tuition & fees!
Awarding Process
Check MyPortal regularly for an award offer or waitlist notification. If your student receives an award offer, you will have a deadline to accept or decline your student’s award in MyPortal.

If the number of eligible applications exceeds the amount of funds available, students will be added to a waitlist to fill slots that may become available at a later date.

**Reminders:**

- Scholarships are awarded **per student**, not per household. Parents should regularly check each student’s record in MyPortal for required tasks that must be completed.

- Be sure your email address stored in MyPortal is one you regularly use.
Received a Scholarship? Now What?
Mid-April - July

Let’s suppose your student received an Opportunity Scholarship award offer. Now what?

All applications are subject to income and/or residency verification. If you are selected for income or residency verification, we have resources to help you complete the process.

Reminders:

✓ Complete tasks by the set deadline in MyPortal.
Parent Obligations
Parent Responsibilities

**DO:**
- Ensure your contact information is updated
- 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!
MyPortal To-Do List

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.
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
Helpful Online Resources

www.ncseaa.edu

Explore K12 Funding

Opportunity Scholarship

How to Apply for the Opportunity Scholarship

Awarding Process

Opportunity: Current Scholarship Families

Income Verification
How do schools receive your student’s scholarship funding?
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 2024-2025 school year!
Contact Us

- www.ncseaa.edu
- OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu
- 855-330-3955