**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE FOR NEW FAMILIES**

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**SCHOOL OPTIONS**
Students who receive the Opportunity Scholarship or ESA+ have a variety of school choice options, including full-time enrollment in a private school, or co-enrollment in a public school and a private school.

**REMEMBER:**
Home school and full-time public schools (including charter and magnet schools) are not options for the Opportunity Scholarship program.

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

1. **ENROLL IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL BY OCT 1**
   Applying for the Opportunity Scholarship does not enroll your student in a school. Your student must be enrolled and attending a direct payment school by Oct. 1 to use scholarship funds.

2. **CHECK YOUR TO-DO LIST IN MYPORTAL**
   The program will send important information to the email you provided. Copies of all emails we send you can also be found in MyPortal.

3. **FINAL AWARD AMOUNT - AUGUST**
   Once your school provides its tuition costs to SEAA, we will calculate the exact amount of your student’s award.

4. **FALL TUITION PAYMENT - AUG/SEP**
   SEAA sends your student’s fall tuition payment to your school. Spring payments are sent in Jan/Feb.

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