

#### **ESA+ News You Can Use**

Welcome to the ESA+ newsletter for families – your source for the latest news and important information about the North Carolina ESA+ program!

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### **Renewal Notices**



ESA+ scholarship families should begin receiving renewal notices in MyPortal this week. Please let us know as soon as possible whether you plan to renew. There is a waiting list of new families each year, and another student could benefit from the program if you decide not to renew.

If your student is a senior graduating high school this spring, you will receive instructions to decline the renewal offer. The notification will also include a list of free college and career resources that are available to your student through CFNC.org.

#### **Announcements**

# Opportunity Scholarship Application Opens February 1st

Did you know that all North Carolina K-12 students are eligible to apply for the 2024-25 Opportunity Scholarship, regardless of prior

public school attendance? Families may apply to both the ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship if they meet the eligibility requirements of each program.\* For more information about the Opportunity Scholarship visit our website.

\*Note: full-time home school is not an option for Opportunity Scholarship recipients.

## **Resources and Upcoming Events**

NOTE: Events and resources sponsored by organizations other than SEAA are listed as a courtesy to our ESA+ families. SEAA is not responsible for any representations or information provided to the public by non-affiliated organizations.

**2024 Matthew C. Graziadel Achievement Scholarship Award** – \$1,500 scholarship available to any North Carolina High School Senior with a disability, to be used for post-high school learning experiences or equipment needed for employment. Apply by February 5, 2024. More information

Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf Summer Program— Operation Accelerate is a two-week summer camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the 54 easternmost counties of NC, regardless of where they attend school during the school year. The program includes field trips, STEM activities, sports, art and explorative play, life skills, and American Sign Language enrichment. Apply by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information visit Operation Accelerate.

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