

## ***Renewal vs New Student: What's the difference?***

**In both the Opportunity Scholarship & ESA+ Scholarship Programs, there is a difference between renewal and new applicants.**

### **Keep in mind:**

- ✓ Scholarships are offered ***per student*** based on eligibility requirements, not per household.
- ✓ Under the Opportunity & ESA+ Scholarship law(s), award offers are made to all eligible renewal student applicants before offers are made to eligible new student applicants.
- ✓ Review each program's eligibility requirements [HERE](#).
- ✓ Each year, to remain eligible for the scholarship funding, parents of renewal students must take action.

### **Who is considered a RENEWAL?**

A student who used scholarship funding in the previous school year would be eligible to renew for the following school year.

*Renewal example: Student A used scholarship funding during the 2023-2024 school year. Student A is eligible as a renewal for the 2024-2025 school year.*

*Not a renewal example: Student A used scholarship funding during the 2022-2023 school year. Then did not use funding during the 2023-2024 school year. Therefore, Student A is now considered a new student for 2024-2025, not a renewal.*

### **Who is considered a NEW STUDENT?**

A student who has not used scholarship funding in the previous school year would be considered a new student applicant.

*Note: If a year or more has passed since last using scholarship funding, your student is now considered a new student applicant.*