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.