



NCSEAA
**OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP**

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

Opportunity Scholarship
January 2026

Need to Reach Us?

Please be sure you are emailing Scholarship Specialists from the email address listed in your MyPortal parent account. Otherwise, SEAA Staff will not be able to respond with student-level information.

Provide our Scholarship Specialists with as much information as possible in the email!

Include: Student Name(s), Parent Name, Detailed Question(s) and/or Concerns



855-330-3955



OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu



Before You Apply

The 2026-2027 (New Student) Opportunity Scholarship Application will open on February 2, 2026

What will you need?

Need:

- **Parent of Record's** Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- **Student(s)** Social Security Number.
- **Parent of Record's** North Carolina Driver's License Number
- **Annual household income amount for tax year 2025 only**

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

The Opportunity Scholarship can only be used at Direct Payment Schools. These are schools that have agreed to accept direct disbursements on behalf of students and have met the requirements to register with our agency.



K12 Programs: Direct Payment Schools

Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools: 2025-2026
ESA+ parents, if your school is not listed, see information [here](#)

List of current Direct Payment Schools

County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Alamance	Alamance Christian School Graham	Graham
Alamance	Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Bradford Academy Mebane	Mebane
Alamance	Burbrella Microschool Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Burlington Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Excel Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Faith Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Grace Christian Academy Haw River	Haw River
Alamance	Parrish Chapel Academy Graham	GRAHAM
Alamance	Positive Day School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Providence A Christian Montessori Community Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	The Burlington School Burlington	Burlington



How To Apply

[How to Apply - Opportunity Scholarship](#)

MyPortal Parent Responsibilities



IMPORTANT

- The parent of record must be a parent with whom the child lives.
- Only **one parent** can be listed in the MyPortal record, and that parent should be the only person responsible for accessing the MyPortal account.
- Children of divorced or separated parents are part of the household that has more than 50% custody.
- If you share equal custody, you may 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 #1: Create a MyPortal Parent Account

Review page 2 of our [MyPortal Guide for Parents](#) for step-by-step instructions.



MyPortal Guide for Parents

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

A screenshot of the MyPortal Account Login page. The page has a light gray background with a white login box. At the top of the box is the heading "MyPortal Account Login:". Below this are two input fields for "User Name:" and "Password:". A line of text follows: "By logging in, I certify that I have read, agree to and understand the [Terms and Conditions](#) page." Below this is a yellow "Login" button with a right-pointing arrow. Further down is a link: "[Forgot your username or password?](#)". Below that is the heading "Create an Account: (Except School/Institution Users. See your administrator for assistance.)". Underneath is a line: "In order to create an account, click here [Create an Account](#)." A blue arrow points to this link. Below is another line: "To return to the SEAA website, [click here](#)." At the bottom is a line: "If you are having trouble logging in, **Login Support** (855) 763-5333 loginhelp@ncseaa.edu".

Step #2: Add Students then Apply

- Add student(s) to your MyPortal parent account and complete your application(s)
- Parents applying for more than one new student should submit a separate application for each student and enter the same household size & income for each student
- After you submit the application, you will be notified whether your student is eligible to receive the award and their Award Tier amount
- Use the [Award Tier](#) amount provided in the notification to calculate how much the scholarship may cover at your school of choice

✓ **Apply by March 2**

Eligible applications submitted during the priority February 2 - March 2 will be awarded based on household income, starting with Award Tier 1. Scholarships will be offered to families in Award Tiers 2-4 as funds remain available. For more information, see the [Awarding Process](#) page.



Errors When Adding New Student(s)?

I am adding a new student(s) to my parent account and I...

- Am receiving an error code 5 or 10 message...
- Made a mistake when adding my student...



If you have previously added your student to your parent account, do not add them again.



Can I apply after March 2nd?

We welcome you to apply if the application is open.

- Be sure to check our website to see if the application remains open after the priority period.
- Announcements can be found on the main [Opportunity Scholarship](#) webpage.



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Opportunity Scholarship

The Opportunity Scholarship helps North Carolina families pay for tuition and other required fees to attend registered private schools.



The new student application for the 2026–27 school year will open on February 2, 2026. For more information, visit [How to Apply](#).





2025 Household Income & Award Tiers

How to accurately calculate your 2025 income

Scholarships are awarded based on a family's 2025 household income

- Please review our [Income Calculator](#) and [Income FAQ](#) for tips on calculating your income. For the purposes of the scholarship program, we require the reporting of **all taxable or untaxable money received**, before deductions, by **all members of your household for 2025**.
- We define a **household member** as anyone who lives with you and shares income and expenses of the household.
- *Provide your best estimate of the income received (before deductions) by your household during 2025 using the Income Calculator. Refer to our [Income Chart to determine your student's Award Tier](#).*

How Much Could a Parent Owe?

Household Size = 4
Total Income for 2025= \$154,000
[AWARD TIER 3](#)

In this example, each student is awarded up to **\$4,766** (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

AWARD TIER 3

<u>Nonpublic School A</u>		<u>Nonpublic School B</u>	
Tuition	\$ 10,000	Tuition	\$ 4,000
Max Award	-- \$ 4,766	Max Award	-- \$ 4,000
Your portion	\$ 5,234	Your portion	\$ 0

The Opportunity Scholarship will disburse \$2,383 during the Fall semester & \$2,383 during the Spring semester. You are responsible for the \$5,234 difference.

The Opportunity Scholarship will disburse \$2,000 during the Fall semester & \$2,000 during the Spring semester. You will have no tuition balance.

Parents:
When in doubt,
contact your
student's
school to
inquire
about their
2026-2027
tuition &
fees!





Awarding Process

When to Expect an Award Offer

Early April

Check MyPortal regularly for an award offer. If your student receives an award offer, you will have a deadline to accept or decline your student's award in MyPortal.

[After an Award: What are the Next Steps?](#)

HOME > To Do List > Opportunity Scholarships Award Offer

Opportunity Scholarships for 2023-2024

Accept or Decline Your Award

Student: Test Student

Program	Accept/Decline
Opportunity Scholarships	<Choose One> ▼

By responding to this offer I certify that I understand program processes, including verification to confirm eligibility if needed and required steps prior to funding.



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 the email address stored in MyPortal is one you regularly use.
- ✓ Review the [Awarding Process](#).
- ✓ Review the Announcements at the top of the MyPortal main menu



Received a Scholarship?

Now What?

Check MyPortal for Notifications

Mid-April through 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.



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)

[Review the timeline!](#)



Parent Obligations

Parent Responsibilities

DO:

- Ensure your contact information is current
- 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). Information on [Testing Requirements](#)



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!

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

Application or Required Documentation	Receipt Date	Action Items	Due By
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Scholarship Program Application	10/28/2022		

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.



MyPortal To-Do List




Email notifications are logged in the Notification section, to review previously sent messages:

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

Notifications					
Recipient	Notification	Date Created	Status	Media	Date/Time Viewed
	Manual Notification Password Changed	01/14/2020	Emailed	Email	
	Manual Notification Password Changed	09/25/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K School Choice Incorrect	09/24/2019	Emailed	Email	10/10/2019 10:40 PM
	K School Choice Incorrect	09/24/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Fall Endorsement	09/11/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Program Information	07/30/2019	Emailed	Email	07/31/2019 08:21 PM
	K OS Program Information	07/30/2019	Emailed	Email	08/01/2019 01:26 PM
	K OS Program Information	07/30/2019	Emailed	Email	
	Manual Notification Password Changed	06/19/2019	Emailed	Email	
	Manual Notification Password Changed	06/19/2019	Emailed	Email	
	Manual Notification Password Changed	06/03/2019	Emailed	Email	
	Manual Notification Password Changed	05/29/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Award Offer	04/22/2019	Emailed	Email	05/29/2019 08:35 PM
	K OS Award Offer	04/22/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Award Offer	04/22/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Appears Eligible	03/08/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Appears Eligible	03/08/2019	Emailed	Email	
	K OS Appears Eligible	03/08/2019	Emailed	Email	07/23/2019 09:04 PM

Click notification to view.

MyPortal Notifications

Helpful Online Resources

[Opportunity Scholarship –
NCSEAA](https://www.k12.ncseaa.edu/opportunity-scholarship/)

[https://www.k12.ncseaa.edu
/opportunity-scholarship/](https://www.k12.ncseaa.edu/opportunity-scholarship/)

Opportunity Scholarship

The Opportunity Scholarship offers North Carolina families the opportunity to apply for funds to pay for tuition and other required fees to attend registered private schools.



About the Program

Have questions? You're in the right place. Since 2014, we've helped families across North Carolina apply for educational funds through the Opportunity Scholarship.

Contact Us



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We'd love to
hear from you!