

# THE NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Opportunity Scholarship Program, passed in July 2013, provides annual scholarships of up to \$4,200 per year so low-income and working-class children have access to schools that best meet their educational needs.

For the 2020-21 school year, the application period begins January 31, 2020 on the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority’s website (ncseaa.edu) and will remain open until August 31, 2020. Parents will be notified about scholarship awards in April 2020.

## HOW DO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS WORK?

Low-income and working-class children whose families meet certain income guidelines are eligible to receive Opportunity Scholarships up to \$4,200 per student per year (\$2,100 per semester per student).

## WHO GETS PRIORITY TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

First priority will be given to eligible students who received a scholarship during the previous school year and renew their scholarship.

New families who apply by March 1 will be considered in the lottery.

New families not receiving a scholarship in the lottery or applying after the March 1 deadline will be placed on a waitlist and awarded a scholarship as funds are available.

To see if your child may qualify for an Opportunity Scholarship, visit [SchoolChoiceNorthCarolina.com](http://SchoolChoiceNorthCarolina.com). You must officially apply through the State Authority at [ncseaa.edu](http://ncseaa.edu)

## WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP?

To be eligible for the 2020-21 school year, household income must not exceed 133% of the amount to qualify for free and reduced lunch.

\$4,200 AWARD LIMIT	MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME FOR 2019		
	# in household	To receive full tuition up to \$4,200	To receive 90% of tuition*
	2	\$31,894	\$42,419
	3	\$40,182	\$53,442
	4	\$48,470	\$64,465
	5	\$56,758	\$75,488
	6	\$65,046	\$86,511
	7	\$73,334	\$97,534
	8	\$81,622	\$108,557
	9	\$89,910	\$119,580
	10	\$98,198	\$130,603
	11	\$106,486	\$141,626
	12	\$114,774	\$152,649

\*Families whose income is between 101-133% free and reduced price lunch will receive 90% of tuition cost or \$4,200 (whichever is less).

Additionally, **at least one** of the criteria below must be met:

- Received this scholarship the previous year
- Student must have been enrolled in a North Carolina public school or a Department of Defense school in North Carolina for the prior semester
- Is entering kindergarden or first grade
- Is a child in foster care
- Is a child whose adoption decree was entered no more than a year prior
- Is a child with a parent on full time active duty status in the military

**QUESTIONS? Call 888.858.8802**



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