



NCSEAA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Opportunity Scholarship helps North Carolina families pay for tuition and other required fees to attend registered private schools. The Opportunity Scholarship is an income-based program for determining the amount of awards for families. Review the household income chart to find out how much your student may be eligible to receive.

Who is eligible?

North Carolina students in traditional kindergarten through 12th grade may be eligible for scholarship funds if they meet the following requirements:

- At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 years old by April 16 and approved for kindergarten according to State guidelines
- Lives in North Carolina
- Has not graduated from high school
- Has not enrolled in a college or university full time*

How much is the scholarship?

Awards range from approximately \$3,400 to \$7,600, based on the information reported for a family's household income from the previous tax year.

*Full-time: 12 or more credit hours in a given semester.

How can funds be used?

The money can be used to pay for tuition and other required fees to attend registered private schools in North Carolina. Funds cannot be used for full-time homeschool.

[View the full list of eligible schools.](#)

When should families apply?

Starting in February, families may apply for the following school year. For more information about the scholarship and how to apply, visit our website: www.k12.ncseaa.edu.

Do you have questions about the Opportunity Scholarship? We can help.

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North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) is the State agency designated by North Carolina law to administer the K12 scholarship programs, including the Opportunity Scholarship and the ESA+ program. NCSEAA determines student eligibility and disburses scholarships to eligible schools on behalf of students. NCSEAA also provides program support, resources, and customer service to interested and participating families and schools.

How to Determine Your Award Tier

1

How many people are in your household?

2

Find your total household income from 2024. To calculate your income, visit the [Interactive Income Calculator](#)

3

Find the column that matches the number of people in your household and your income. That's your award tier!

Number in Household	Award Tier 1 Maximum Income to receive up to \$7,686 to assist with required tuition and fees *Up to \$3,843 per semester	Award Tier 2 Maximum Income to receive up to \$6,918 to assist with required tuition and fees *Up to \$3,459 per semester	Award Tier 3 Maximum Income to receive up to \$4,612 to assist with required tuition and fees *Up to \$2,306 per semester	Award Tier 4 Income Not Reported or Income Above Tier 3 Maximum to receive up to \$3,458 to assist with required tuition and fees *Up to \$1,729 per semester
2	\$39,128	\$78,256	\$176,076	No Income Limit
3	\$49,303	\$98,606	\$221,864	
4	\$59,478	\$118,956	\$267,651	
5	\$69,653	\$139,306	\$313,439	
6	\$79,828	\$159,656	\$359,226	
7	\$90,003	\$180,006	\$405,014	
8	\$100,178	\$200,356	\$450,801	
9	\$110,353	\$220,706	\$496,589	
10	\$120,528	\$241,056	\$542,376	
11	\$130,703	\$261,406	\$588,164	
12	\$140,878	\$281,756	\$633,951	

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What if my income doesn't match the numbers on the chart exactly?

Your income can be up to, but not more than the maximum amount listed in an Award Tier. If your income exceeds the amount listed, go to the next column to find your Award Tier.

Example:

People in household = 4

Household Income 2024 = \$75,000

Award Tier = **Award Tier 2** ← Income exceeds the maximum required for a four-person household in Tier 1