

# THE NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Opportunity Scholarship Program is a scholarship program that provides annual scholarships for tuition and fees at an eligible private school. This program allows families to access the education best fit for their child's needs.

**THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 2, 2026.**

## WHICH STUDENTS QUALIFY?

**Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the program.**

- At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 by April 16 and approved for kindergarten according to State guidelines
- Lives in NC
- Has not graduated high school
- Has not enrolled in a post-secondary institution full-time (12 or more credit hours in a given semester)



## WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT?

- A student's scholarship amount will be based on household income.
- Scholarship amounts will range from approximately \$3,000 to approximately \$7,000.
- Students from lower income households will receive a higher scholarship amount than students from higher income households.

## WHEN DO I APPLY?

- The Opportunity Scholarship application for the 2026-27 school year opened on February 2, 2026. The application remains open until further notice.
- Families that apply after the priority period (February 2 - March 2) are awarded in order of application date as funds are available, after renewal and priority period applicants. Families will be notified whether an award can be offered.

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