



# December Awardees 2025-2026 Renewals

Opportunity Scholarship
January 2025

# **Helpful Hints for Zoom**

Slides & Recording will be posted at Opportunity Scholarship - NCSEAA

Zoom has closed captioning available

#### **Asking Questions:**

- Use the Q & A to ask your questions (chat is disabled)
- Please do NOT provide confidential information during this Zoom session
- Email OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu to ask questions about an individual student

#### **Answering Questions:**

- Presentation team will answer questions from the Q & A at the end
- Only questions related to this session's content will be addressed live



## **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







# Is your Contact Information Updated in MyPortal?

Need to update your email?

Need to update your mailing address?

**Need to update your phone number?** 

Step 1: Log onto your MyPortal account

Step 2: To update the email address, mailing address or phone number, go to the "My Contact Information" section

Step 3: In "New" Column, enter the new email address, mailing address or phone number and click "Save"





## **Contact Us & Help Requests**

#### Welcome to MyPortal

Use My Portal to manage your college financial aid and K12 grants and scholarships for K12 dependents.

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Click on HELP REQUESTS to see a log of correspondence from you to us.



#### Need to reach us quickly?

Click on the CONTACT US button from your home screen of MyPortal to send us a secure message.

A Scholarship Specialist will typically reply the same business day!





# December 3, 2024 Awardees

**Expansion to the Opportunity Scholarship** 

## Who Does This Affect?

### Welcome to the Opportunity Scholarship!



More than 54,000 waitlisted students received award offers last month, on 12/3/24, for the current 2024-25 school year. If you are a new family, welcome to the Opportunity Scholarship! On the next slide, you'll find important timelines and resources to help you get started. You can find more information on the Opportunity Scholarship family website.



## What's Next?

### Timeline for New Families (awarded December 3, 2024)

#### **Mid January** =

- Your School will complete <u>Certification</u>, this is when they tell NCSEAA your student's attendance & tuition costs for the Fall & Spring Semesters.
- Your School will complete <u>Fall</u>
   Endorsement.
- 3. You complete **Fall Parent Endorsement**
- 4. Fall Funds are released electronically to the school about 7 days later.

### **Late January/Early February =**

- Your School will complete <u>Spring</u>
   <u>Endorsement.</u>
- You complete <u>Spring Parent</u><u>Endorsement</u>
- Spring Funds are released electronically to the school about 7 days later.









# 2025-2026 Opportunity Scholarship Renewal Offer

## Will your student use funding in 2024-2025?

Once funds are sent to a school on behalf of the student, then the student is considered a renewal for the 2025-2026 Opportunity Scholarship

- Renewal Offers will become available on MyPortal in late January.
- Spring only recipients will not be able to renew until spring semester funding has been disbursed. Once funding is disbursed, they will be offered the option to renew on their To-Do List.
- Parents can independently update their school choice for the 2025-2026 school year on their renewal application.
- Renewal deadline = 04/15/2025
- Renewal Offers are visible under the student's To-Do List in MyPortal.



# What is on the Renewal Offer?

#### **Eligibility Questions**

- Must be a Resident of NC\*
- Must not have a high school diploma\*
- Must not be enrolled in college full-time

#### Household Size and Income Questions

- Disclose Income (Yes/No)\*
- Household Size (<u>guidance document</u>)

#### Income-based scholarship

Previous year's income earned by **ALL** household members will determine Award Tier

## **Renewal Offer Example:**

| Question Text            | Answer  |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Income Disclosed         | Yes     |
| Household Size           | 4       |
| Do You Want to Renew?    | Yes     |
| Has Student Graduated?   | No      |
| Does Student Live in NC? | Yes     |
| Annual Household Income  | 104,783 |



<sup>\*</sup>Answers to these questions directly affect your scholarship eligibility

<sup>\*</sup>Choosing not to disclose your income will automatically place your student into Tier 4!!!

## How to accurately calculate your 2024 income

- Please review our <u>Income Calculator</u> document 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 2024.
- We define a **household member** as anyone who lives with you and shares income and expenses of the household.
- Please provide your best estimate of the income received by your household during 2024 using the Income Calculator.





# Single Term Awardees

**Spring 2025 Award Only** 

# Spring Only Awardees – When will you receive your 2025-2026 Renewal Offer?

- Renewal offers could be delayed for single term awardees
- Once your school has completed Certification & Endorsement in late January, you will receive a Spring Parent Endorsement task on your To-Do List. After Parent Endorsement is completed, funds will be released within 7-10 business days.
- Allow 3-5 business days after funding has been disbursed and you should see your 25-26 Renewal Offer on your To-Do List
- Families will have until 4/15/25 to respond to their Renewal Offer
- If you're unsure that enrollment will be secured for the Spring 2025 semester, submit a new student application before 3/1/25
- Be sure to frequently check your MyPortal notifications and respond to all required tasks by the deadline





# **Transferring Schools**

## **Need to transfer schools?**

A student's award can be transferred to another eligible nonpublic school. Award funds can only be sent to two schools per semester.

The amount of available funds that can be sent to the new school depends on the number of weeks the student has attended the previous school. The chart below shows the percentage of award funds a school is entitled to keep based on the number of weeks a student has attended.

- Review our <u>How to Transfer Schools or Cancel Your</u>
   <u>Scholarship</u> before emailing Opportunity Scholarships to request a school transfer.
- Reminder: Opportunity Scholarship recipients may only transfer funding to a <u>Direct Payment School</u>.

| Weeksattended      | Percent to return |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2 weeks or less    | 100%              |  |
| 3 weeks            | 90%               |  |
| 4 weeks            | 80%               |  |
| 5 weeks            | 70 %              |  |
| 6 weeks            | 60%               |  |
| 7 weeks            | 50%               |  |
| More than 7 weeks: | 0%                |  |



## **Student Transfer Form**

# Submit a student transfer form:

- 1. If your student has used funding at their current school and has already withdrawn to transfer to another Direct Payment School.
- 2. If you would like to cancel your student's Opportunity Scholarship award

# Do NOT submit a student transfer form:

- 1. If your student has NOT attended a private school
  - 2. Switching schools for the next academic year
- \*To request a school choice change email the program at

OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu

For detailed instructions review the <u>How to Transfer Schools or Cancel Your</u>

<u>Scholarship</u> guide





# MyPortal To-Do List & Notifications

## **MyPortal Notifications**

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There are new items on your To Do List.

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## **Helpful Tip:**

Login toMyPortalweekly toreview yournotifications& To-Do List

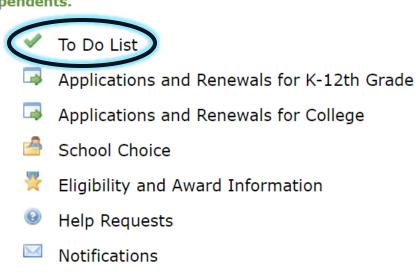


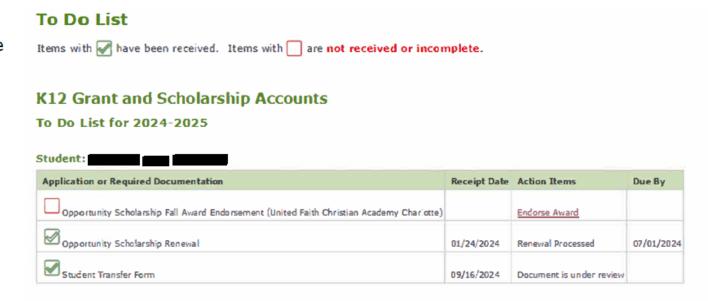


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#### To Do List



My Profile

My Contact Information

| Items with | have been received. | Items with | are not received or incomplete. |
|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
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# **Opportunity Scholarship Newsletter**

## **Opportunity Scholarship News You Can Use**

Sign up to receive our
Opportunity Scholarship Newsletter!



Don't forget to verify your email address to begin receiving newsletters.





## Poll

## What other information can we provide?

We look forward to helping you during the Spring 2025 semester and into the 2025-2026 school year!



### **Contact Us**



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