



North Carolina

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

New Program

<p>PROGRAM TYPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voucher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Means-tested 	<p>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whichever is less: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$4,200 – Tuition and fees – 90 percent of tuition and fees for students with a family income exceeding free or reduced-price lunch program (\$43,568 for a family of four in 2013)
<p>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended public school the previous year or entering kindergarten or first grade • Is a child in foster care or was adopted not more than one year prior to applying for scholarship • Family income cannot exceed 133 percent of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program (\$57,945 for family of four in 2013) • For the 2014–15 school year only, an eligible student must qualify for free or reduced-price lunch (\$43,568 for a family of four in 2013) 	<p>ENROLLMENT CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet state nondiscrimination policies • Comply with health and safety requirements • Be accredited by the State Board of Education, a national or regional accrediting agency, or an active member of the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, or receive no funding from the State of North Carolina • Provide the state with documentation for tuition and fees charged • Conduct criminal background check on staff member with highest decision-making authority • Provide parents with an annual written explanation of the student’s progress, including scores on standardized achievement tests • Annually administer a nationally standardized test to scholarship students and provide the test results to the state • Provide graduation rates of scholarship students to the state • Contract with a certified public accountant to perform a financial review for schools accepting students receiving more than \$300,000 in scholarship grants 	<p>PROGRAM FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million <p>YEAR ENACTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013

DATA UPDATE

Because this program was enacted in 2013 it has not yet granted scholarships at this time. Furthermore, in response to litigation filed by opponents of educational choice, a North Carolina court has issued an injunction barring the program from moving forward. Appeals to that decision have been filed.



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CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

New Program

<p>PROGRAM TYPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voucher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Special needs 	<p>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet state nondiscrimination policies • Comply with health and safety requirements
<p>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and receive special education or related services on a daily basis • Attended a North Carolina public school during the previous semester, received special education services as a preschooler during the previous semester, received a voucher under this program during the previous semester, or be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade 	<p>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6,000
	<p>ENROLLMENT CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
	<p>PROGRAM FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 million
	<p>YEAR ENACTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013

PROGRAM UPDATE

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