**NC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS 2018-19**

The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program expands school choice in North Carolina through scholarship grants for eligible children in kindergarten through 12th grade. This program aims to help our state’s low-income and working-class families obtain a quality education for their children. It provides funding of up to $2,100 per semester/$4,200 per year for eligible children who choose to attend a participating **non**public school. **Neighbors Grove Christian Academy is a participating school.** NGCA’s tuition is $3,800 plus registration fee $120 ($75 if paid by June 2) and book fee $190, totaling a maximum of $4,110. There are also multiple child discounts.

Below are the specific eligibility requirements for the program based on household income and student enrollment. **All families must apply through the** [**North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority w**](http://www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm)**ebsite.**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must live in a household whose income meets the

Income Eligibility Guidelines established by the Opportunity Scholarship Program. (See chart)

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|  | **Maximum Household Income** |  |
| **Persons in Household**  | for full Tuition up to $4,200  | for 90% of the Tuition or $4,200\*  |
|  2  | $30,044  | $39,959  |
|  3  | $37,777 | $50,243  |
|  4  | $45,510  | $60,528  |
|  5  | $53,243  | $70,813  |
|  6  | $60,976  | $81,098  |
|  7  | $68,709  | $91,383  |
|  8  | $76,442  | $101,668  |

*\*Household can include anyone residing in the same household as you. For example, this could mean a grandmother or aunt residing in your residence.*

**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 for the entire Spring 2018 semester
* Is entering kindergarten or first grade
* Is a child in foster care
* Is a child whose adoption decree was entered no more than a year prior to applying for the scholarship

**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 reapply by March 1, 2017.
* New families who apply by March 1 will be considered in the first 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 scholarships based on their number on the waitlist.

To apply for the Opportunity Scholarship for the first time, complete an [Opportunity Scholarship](https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/OPS1516)

[**New** Student Application.](https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/OPS1516) Students who have not previously received an Opportunity

Scholarship are new students, even if a sibling is already an Opportunity Scholarship recipient. **Current** Opportunity Scholarship recipients (2017-18) should log on to the [Opportunity Scholarship Portal t](https://www2.ncseaa.edu/studentportal/OSP_Login.aspx)o complete a **renewal** application. Current recipients **must**

**reapply** each year.

The priority deadline for renewal and new applications is **March 1, 2017**. Applications will be accepted after March 1, but will have a much lower chance of receiving a scholarship due to limited funds.

Find more information and the online application at [**www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm**](http://www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm) or call 855-330-3955.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this scholarship grant please pass along this information. There are also scholarships available with additional benefits through the **Children with Disabilities Grant Program.** Visit [www.ncseaa.edu f](http://www.ncseaa.edu/)or additional information.

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