

## NC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS 2017-18

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 **nonpublic** 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 website.**

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)

<b>Maximum Household Income</b>		
<b>Persons in Household</b>	for full Tuition up to \$4,200	for 90% of the Tuition or \$4,200*
2	\$29,637	\$39,417
3	\$37,296	\$49,604
4	\$44,955	\$59,790
5	\$52,614	\$69,977
6	\$60,273	\$80,163
7	\$67,951	\$90,374
8	\$75,647	\$100,610

*\*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 2017 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 **New Student Application**. 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 (2016-17) should log on to the Opportunity Scholarship Portal to 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](http://www.ncseaa.edu) for additional information.

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