# THE NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Opportunity Scholarship Program is an income-based program that provides annual scholarships <u>up to \$6,492</u> for North Carolina children. This program allows families to access the best education for their child's needs.

THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2023

# WHICH STUDENTS QUALIFY?

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

#### **ALL REQUIRED**

- Household must meet the Household Income Eligibility Guidelines (students in foster care are automatically eligible regardless of the household income of their foster family)
- At least 5 years old by August 31 or at least 4 by April 16 and approved for kindergarten according to <u>State guidelines</u>
- 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)

### **ONE REQUIRED**

- Received and used Opportunity Scholarship funds in previous year
- Attended a NC public school or Department of Defense school in NC as a full-time student (see details in blue box)
- Entering kindergarten, 1st grade, or 2nd grade
- In foster care, or adopted within the last year
- Has a parent on full-time active military duty, or a parent who received an honorable discharge within the last year

## WHO RECEIVES PRIORITY?

- First priority is given to eligible students who received a scholarship during the previous school year and renew their scholarship.
- Next, new families who apply by March 1 will be considered in the lottery.

SEE IF YOU MAY QUALIFY: SchoolChoiceNorthCarolina.com

HOW TO APPLY: Apply4OSP.com

MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME FOR 2022		
# in Household	To Receive Full Tuition Up to \$6,492	To Receive 90% of Tuition
2	\$36,482	\$72,964
3	\$45,991	\$91,982
4	\$55,500	\$111,000
5	\$65,009	\$130,018
6	\$74,518	\$149,036
7	\$84,027	\$168,054
8	\$93,536	\$187,072
9	\$103,045	\$206,090
10	\$112,554	\$225,108
11	\$122,063	\$244,126
12	\$131,572	\$263,144

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#### The student **meets this requirement** if they:

- Attended a NC public school full-time in spring 2023
- Attended a NC public school full-time in 2021-22 and a direct payment school in 2022-23

#### The student does not meet this requirement if they:

- Attended a NC public school or Department of Defense school prior to 2021
- Have never attended a NC public school or Department of Defense school full-time
- · Are home-schooled

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