



Opportunity Scholarship Program

Dear Parents,

Salem Christian Academy is one among other nonpublic schools that are part of the *Opportunity Scholarship Program*. The Opportunity Scholarship new student application is now available. **Applications submitted in February are given priority**. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will be notified if you've received an award. We want to inform you so that if you are interested, you may have a chance to apply.

What is the Opportunity Scholarship Program?

The Opportunity Scholarship Program expands school choice in North Carolina through scholarship grants for eligible children in kindergarten through 12th grade. This program provides funding of up to \$4,200 per year for eligible children who choose to attend a participating nonpublic school.

Who applies? How does it work?

Parents submit an application for the Opportunity Scholarship on behalf of their children. In order to receive Opportunity Scholarship funds, the student must attend a participating nonpublic school; the parent must arrange for application or enrollment at the school separately from the application for the Opportunity Scholarship.

Who is eligible for an Opportunity Scholarship?

To receive an Opportunity Scholarship, a student must meet the criteria below:

The student must meet all of these six criteria:

1. Be a resident of North Carolina
2. Live in a household that meets the Income Eligibility Guidelines established by the Opportunity Scholarship Program;
3. Enroll in a participating nonpublic school in North Carolina;
4. Not have a high school diploma;
5. Be 5 on or before August 31 of the Scholarship year;
6. Be younger than 22 as of the date of the beginning of the Semester.

And the student must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Have received Opportunity Scholarship funds during the previous school year;
2. Be assigned to and attend a North Carolina public school or a Department of Defense school located in North Carolina for the full prior spring semester;
3. Have a parent or guardian on full-time active military duty;
4. Will be entering kindergarten or the first grade;
5. Is a foster child; or
6. Has been adopted within the last year.

See the Program Overview for more information about how the Opportunity Scholarship works and the timeline for application and award.:

Opportunity Scholarship Website: www.ncseaa.edu/OSG.htm

I will be happy to help answer any further questions you may have regarding the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Drew Belton