

How to Apply for the Opportunity Scholarship

1. Create a MyPortal Account

As early as December

MyPortal is the platform families use to apply for the Opportunity Scholarship. It is where you will receive important notifications about your application.

- Visit <https://myportal.ncseaa.edu>. See the “Creating an Account” section of our “MyPortal Guide for Parents” ([Guia-de-MyPortal-para-padres.pdf \(ncseaa.edu\)](#)) or watch [Getting Started with MyPortal](#) for instructions on how to set up an account.
- Students must attend a school that accepts direct payments to use the Opportunity Scholarship. Find your school of choice in the list of [Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools](#) and learn more about [choosing a school](#).

Applying for the Opportunity Scholarship does not enroll your student in a school. You will need to follow the admissions process for your school of choice.

2. Apply for the Opportunity Scholarship

February 1 – March 1

Add student(s) to your MyPortal parent account and complete your application(s). Parents applying for more than one student should submit a separate application for each student and enter the same household size & income for each student.

See the “Completing an Application” section of the “MyPortal Guide for Parents” ([Guia-de-MyPortal-para-padres.pdf \(ncseaa.edu\)](#)) for instructions on how to complete the application.

- After you submit the application, you will be notified whether your student is eligible to receive the award and their Award Tier amount, if applicable.
- Use the Award Tier amount provided in the notification to calculate how much the scholarship may cover at your school of choice.

Apply by **March 1** for priority consideration.

Eligible applications submitted between February 1- March 1 will be awarded based on household income, starting with Award Tier 1. Scholarships will be offered to families in Award Tiers 2-4 as funds remain available. For more information, see the [Awarding Process](#) page.

3. Check for Notifications

Early April

Check MyPortal regularly for an award offer or waitlist notification. If your student receives an award offer, you will have a deadline to accept or decline your student's award in MyPortal.

If the number of eligible applications exceeds the amount of funds available, students will be added to a waitlist to fill slots that may become available at a later date.

If you receive an award offer, accept or decline the award in MyPortal (For more information see [“After an Award: What are the Next Steps?”](#)).

4. Complete Required Tasks

Mid-April – July 1

All applications are subject to income and/or residency verification. If you are selected for income or residency verification, we have [resources](#) to help you complete the process.

Make sure your School Choice is correct in MyPortal.