

NCSEAA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION & VCA FINANCIAL AID

2025 – 2026

In October 2023, the North Carolina State Budget House Bill 259 became law. The new law authorized several changes to the State's Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Established in 2013, the Opportunity Scholarship is now open to all North Carolina families, providing public funding to partially pay for private school tuition and fees.

NOTABLE CHANGES:

- All North Carolina students in kindergarten through 12th grade are now eligible for the scholarship regardless of income.
- Prior public school enrollment is no longer a requirement for scholarship eligibility. Students currently enrolled at Veritas or any private school, regardless of grade, are now eligible to receive the scholarship.
- A student's awarded scholarship amount will be based on household income.

IMPORTANT:

Scholarship amounts will range from approximately \$3,000 to \$7,000. Families must apply by March 1 to receive consideration.

Students who receive the Opportunity Scholarship are also eligible to apply for tuition assistance through Veritas. Due to the recent changes and expansion of the Opportunity Scholarship program, however, ALL families applying for tuition assistance through Veritas **MUST FIRST** apply for the Opportunity Scholarship. Tuition assistance through VCA will **ONLY** be awarded once we have received notice of scholarship application and award amounts.

Find out more at ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/