

Applications for Opportunity Scholarships (LB753) will open February 10th! Please note that top priority students are those who received an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship in the previous school year.

We ask that you read carefully as the repeal of school choice education scholarships (LB1402) in Nebraska has created a dramatic shortfall of funds for scholarships.

FAQ: Can you quickly remind me what the differences are between LB753 and LB1402 scholarships?

Answer: LB753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, was passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2023. This program provides scholarships that were raised through contributions by Nebraska taxpayers. In 2024, funds were awarded to eligible students. Since that time, LB753 was repealed. However, there remains another round of funding available for these scholarship funds to eligible students.

LB1402, the education scholarships program, was passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024. This program provides scholarships funded by the state. In November 2024, this program was ended after a ballot referendum led by special interest groups looking to end school choice in Nebraska. Prior to the election, one round of scholarships was provided to eligible students, but this program no longer exists for additional rounds of scholarship funding.

FAQ: How do I know if I'm eligible to apply for this round of LB753 scholarships?

Answer: If your child(ren) received scholarship(s) from LB753 Opportunity Scholarships you are top priority and should definitely apply!

If you did not receive a scholarship under LB753 you may still apply if you have a student entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school. Please scroll below this FAQ for more details about eligibility.

FAQ: How do I know if I received an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship in the past?

OSN administered LB753 in the summer and early fall of 2024. The quickest way is to check your existing FACTS account and look at your record of awards. You can also call your school to verify, search for an awarding email from OSN and FACTS, or email us at info@nebraskaopportunity.org

FAQ: What if I received an LB1402 Education Scholarship (now repealed) but not an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship?

Receiving only an LB1402 Education Scholarship does not qualify you for a new LB753 scholarship. OSN partnered with Odyssey to administer LB1402 Education Scholarships in the fall of 2024. Sadly, that bill was repealed last November.

FAQ: What if I received both an LB1402 Education Scholarship and an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship?

Great question and great news – you are a priority applicant because you did receive an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship. You should apply!

FAQ: What if one of my children received an LB753 scholarship last year but I have another child for whom I'd like to apply?

We encourage you to apply for a sibling but please understand that with such limited funds, top priority are students who have received a scholarship in the past from OSN.

FAQ: You mentioned the repeal of the education scholarship (LB1402) funds. What happened?

Opponents of education freedom, led by the state's teacher's union, spent over \$7,000,000 to take scholarship funding from families like yours. As a result, OSN is working to fund as many scholarship winners from 2024 as possible with remaining LB753 scholarship funds. If you are interested in advocating for more school choice in Nebraska, please contact info@nebraskaopportunity.org.

FAQ: How can I help Nebraska bring back school choice and join the 48 other states with some form of education freedom?

Nebraskans love school choice and programs are flourishing around the country. We need your voice and stories to help fund parents to make the best decisions for the education of their children. Find your senator [here](#) and let them know how important this issue is to you. If you'd like help advocating contact us at info@nebraskaopportunity.org

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify, the eligible student must meet one of the following criteria in this tiered priority system:

1. Have received an LB753 Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year or be the sibling of an LB753 scholarship recipient.
2. Be entering kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school. If this is your situation, you will be prioritized using remaining dollars (if any exist) in the following order:
 - a. Eligible students in families whose income is 100% or below the Federal Poverty level; or have been assigned an Individualized Education Plan*; or have one or both parents actively serving in a branch of the armed forces or the National Guard or who has lost their life in the line of duty*; or have experienced bullying*; or are in the foster care system*; or have been denied option enrollment to a public school district*.
 - b. Eligible students in families whose income is above 100% and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (Reduced Lunch Qualifier).
 - c. Eligible students in families whose income is above 185% and at or below 213% of the Federal Poverty Level (CHIP qualifier).
 - d. Eligible students in families whose income is above 213% of the Federal Poverty Level and at or below 300% of the Reduced Lunch income guideline.

** Requires extra documentation.*

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships cannot exceed the tuition at the eligible nonpublic school chosen by the family, and the average scholarship distributed cannot exceed 75% of the state's cost to educate a public school student.

Scholarships may be used on the following:

- Tuition: any amount charged by a qualified school for enrollment in its instructional program.
- Fees: charges directly related to the education of an eligible student.

For more information about the program and eligibility, visit nebraskaopportunity.org.

Simple Steps to Begin the Application:

1. If you have previously created a FACTS account, please select "Sign In" and use your existing username and password. If you are new to FACTS, please click "Create your Account".*
2. Once you have signed in, select the 2025-2026 Term to begin the application.
3. Complete the steps as prompted.

**If there is a fee associated with your application and you are in need of financial assistance please email info@nebraskaopportunity.org for options.*

Once the application has been submitted make sure to upload all the required documents needed to complete your application.