

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY TIERS



According to LB753, the Opportunity Scholarships Act

ELIGIBLE STUDENT:

- A Nebraska resident entering Kindergarten or 9th grade in a qualified school, OR transferring from public school (enrolled for at least one semester prior) and entering any grade K-12 in a qualified school.
- A sibling of student receiving an Opportunity Scholarship residing in the same household.

QUALIFIED SCHOOL:

- A nonpublic, privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.
- Fulfills the applicable accreditation (Rule 10) or approval (Rule 14) requirements established by the State Board of Education.

TIER 1	Students who received an Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year.* OR The sibling of a student who received an Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year.*
TIER 2	Eligible students in families whose income is 100% or below the Federal Poverty Level. OR Eligible students who: 1. Have been assigned an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); or 2. 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 3. Have experienced bullying; or 4. Are in the foster care system; or 5. Have been denied option enrollment to a public school district.
TIER 3	Eligible students in families whose income is above 100% and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (Reduced Lunch qualifier).
TIER 4	Eligible students in families whose income is above 185% and at or below 213% of the Federal Poverty Level (CHIP qualifier).
TIER 5	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.

**Because the Opportunity Scholarships Act goes into effect in 2024, there will be no students in Tier 1 this year.*

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ESTIMATED 2023 INCOME GUIDELINES

All families applying for an Opportunity Scholarship will go through a financial needs assessment as a part of the application process. The numbers in the table below are the most recent available and have been gathered from various state and federal government agencies.

These guidelines are NOT a guarantee that the family will be awarded a scholarship as the Federal Poverty Level income amounts change and personal situations vary.

Family Size	Federal Poverty Level (FPL)*	Reduced Lunch* (185% of FPL)	Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)* (213% of FPL)
Individual	\$14,580	\$26,973	\$31,056
2	\$19,720	\$36,482	\$42,004
3	\$24,860	\$45,991	\$52,952
4	\$30,000	\$55,500	\$63,900
5	\$35,140	\$65,009	\$74,849
6	\$40,280	\$74,518	\$85,797
7	\$45,420	\$84,027	\$96,745
8	\$50,560	\$93,536	\$107,693
9+	Add \$5,140 for each additional person	Add \$9,509 for each additional person	Add \$10,948 for each additional person

**Total annual household income eligibility.*