



**OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIPS
OF NEBRASKA**

Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska (OSN) is a state-approved scholarship granting organization and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps implement the Opportunity Scholarships Act (LB753). OSN does this by empowering parents to choose the best educational setting for their children through awarding nonpublic school tuition scholarships and providing access to school options.

With the endorsement of the three Catholic Dioceses and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod schools, as well as many other nonpublic schools across Nebraska, OSN serves students and families statewide.

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EMPOWERING PARENTS

When will Opportunity Scholarships be available?

In January, OSN can begin accepting contributions which will be used for scholarship funds to be awarded for the 2024-2025 school year. Visit **nebraskaopportunity.org** now to see if applications are available and if your child may qualify!

As a parent, where do I start?

Connect with your nonpublic school of choice about enrollment and to ask if they are partnering with Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska. You, the school, and OSN will work together to finalize the application process. Fill out the survey at **nebraskaopportunity.org** to ensure OSN can contact you when it's time to begin the process.

PARTNERING WITH SCHOOLS

What are the requirements a school must meet to partner with OSN?

A qualified school is any nonpublic, privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska that fulfills the applicable accreditation or approval requirements established by the State Board of Education. Visit **nebraskaopportunity.org/partner-schools** to fill out our partner form.

Will students currently attending a nonpublic school qualify for a scholarship?

An eligible student must be entering kindergarten or ninth grade in a qualified school or transferring from a Nebraska public school. While many students already enrolled in nonpublic school might not qualify, siblings of eligible students may qualify for an Opportunity Scholarship.

GIVING HOPE

How do tax credit contributions work?

LB753 allows individuals and corporations to claim tax credits for contributions to scholarship granting organizations like OSN. The program provides a 100% state income tax credit for contributions to SGOs. Tax credit contributions are capped at 50% of an individual's or business's state tax liability (or up to \$100,000). Contributions will then be used to award scholarships to eligible students.

When will taxpayers be able to make a tax credit contribution?

Taxpayers can apply for tax credit contributions in January 2024. If you would like to apply for a tax credit contribution, contact us at **info@nebraskaopportunity.org** or visit **nebraskaopportunity.org/giving** to hold your place in line, and OSN will get in touch when it's time to apply.

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GIVE KIDS HOPE. TAKE THE CREDIT.



JAYLEESHA, STUDENT

"Without school choice, I wouldn't be where I am now.

My mom worked multiple jobs while going to college so that I could go to a private school. I was eventually able to attend Holy Name Catholic School. From there, I was able to go to Duchesne Academy, which prepared me to attend one of the top 10 universities in the United States. I would not have been able to do that without the hard work my mom put in and the generosity of private donors.

But sometimes it's not possible for parents to work that many jobs or for students to be lucky enough to receive a limited scholarship. Kids need a backup option where they can get funds to be able to have a chance to better their education and go to the school that's right for them."

HOW IT WORKS:

Learn more about OSN and giving options at nebraskaopportunity.org/giving



Taxpayers give approved tax credit contributions to OSN.



OSN awards scholarships!



After contacting OSN, taxpayers apply to the Department of Revenue for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to 50% or \$100k of their state income tax liability.



Parents are empowered to choose an education that best fits their child's needs.

