

# 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.

<b>TIER 1</b>	Students who received an Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year.*  <b>OR</b>  The sibling of a student who received an Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year.*
<b>TIER 2</b>	Eligible students in families whose income is 100% or below the Federal Poverty Level.  <b>OR</b>  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.
<b>TIER 3</b>	Eligible students in families whose income is above 100% and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (Reduced Lunch qualifier).
<b>TIER 4</b>	Eligible students in families whose income is above 185% and at or below 213% of the Federal Poverty Level (CHIP qualifier).
<b>TIER 5</b>	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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