



You may be eligible to apply for the Opportunity Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. The complete guidelines are below. Here is an overview for the eligibility for Aquinas families.

<http://www.nebraskaopportunity.org>

MUST BE incoming Kindergarten or 9th grade student

AND ONE of THE FOLLOWING

Income: 100% below Federal Poverty level

Student has an IEP (individualized education plan)

One or both parents are actively serving in a branch of the armed forces or National Guard or who has lost their life in the line of duty

Income: below 185% Federal Poverty Level (Reduced Lunch Qualifier)

Income: below 214% Federal Poverty Level (CHIP Qualifier)

Income: below 300% Federal Poverty Level

2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES 100%	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.	

[detailed-guidelines-2024.pdf \(hhs.gov\)](#)

2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES 185%	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$27,861
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.	

2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES 300%	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$45,180
2	\$61,320
3	\$77,460
4	\$93,600
5	\$109,740
6	\$125,880
7	\$142,020
8	\$158,160
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.	

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship to a qualified school, a family must have a student entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring into any grade from a public school.

Parents may apply to see if their eligible student qualifies for an Opportunity Scholarship.

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

1. Have received an Opportunity Scholarship during the previous school year or is the sibling of a student who has received an Opportunity Scholarship (sibling must reside in the same household).
2. 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*.
3. Eligible students in families whose income is above 100% and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (Reduced Lunch Qualifier).
4. Eligible students in families whose income is above 185% and at or below 213% of the Federal Poverty Level (CHIP qualifier).
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.

* Requires extra documentation.