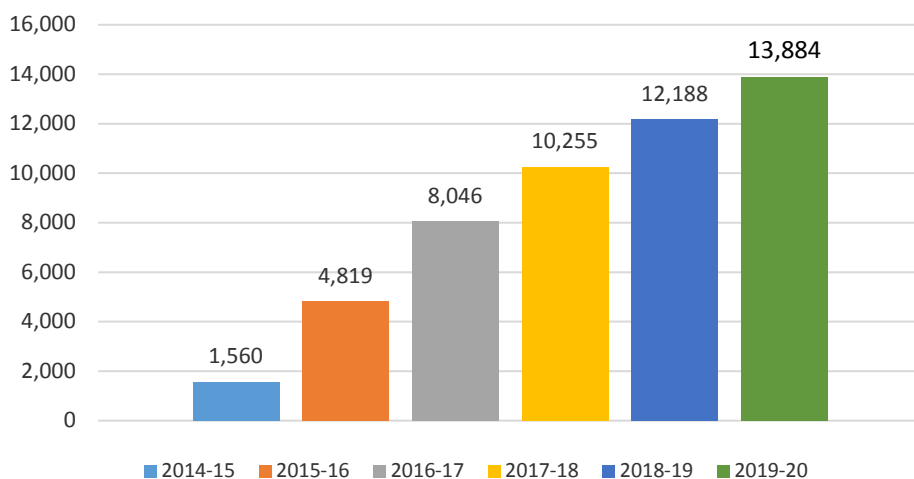




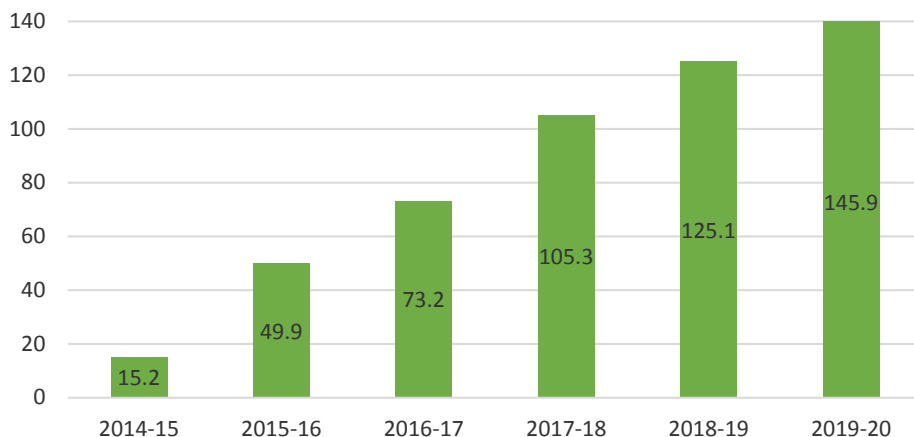
Gardiner Scholarship Program

The Gardiner Scholarship Program provides eligible students with disabilities a scholarship that can be used to purchase approved services or products in order to design a customized educational program for the student. Scholarships can also be used for specialized services such as speech or occupational therapy, instructional materials, tuition at an eligible private school, contributions to a college prepaid account and more. The program is directly administered by state-approved nonprofit Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs). The average scholarship amount is approximately \$10,500 per student.

Total Students in Gardiner Scholarship Program



Gardiner Scholarship Program Payment by Year
(in Millions)



*2019-20 data as of 10/10/2019

Statutory and Rule References:

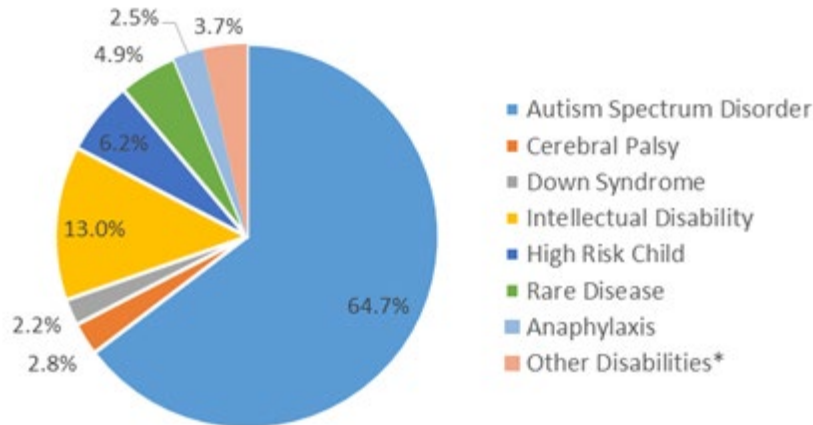
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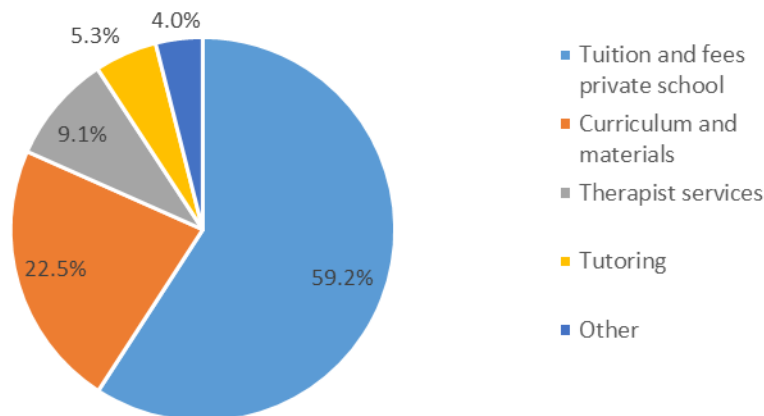
- Students must have an IEP written in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education or with the rules of another state OR the diagnosis of a Florida physician or psychologist or a physician who holds an active license issued by another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Students must be at least 3 before Sept 1.
- Registered home education students can participate in the Gardiner Scholarship Program.

Gardiner Students by Disability Type



* Other Disabilities include Prader-Willi Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Williams Syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, Deaf, and certain other disabilities.

2018-19 Total Payment by Provider Category



* Therapist Services include ABA, SLP, OT, PT, LSL, and other therapist services. Other includes tuition and fees paid to virtual providers, postsecondary programs, Early Learning, postsecondary savings, and services contracted by public school districts.

Contact the SFOs for application instructions and deadlines:

<p>Step Up For Students Phone: 1-877-735-7837 gardiner@stepupforstudents.org www.stepupforstudents.com</p>	<p>A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation Phone/Fax: 1-888-707-2465 info@aaascholarships.org www.aaascholarships.org</p>
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