

Scholarship Program Guide for Parents

This guide is intended to assist parents in selecting the best scholarship for his or her student and is only a brief overview of the programs. For more information, please visit the appropriate websites listed below.

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program	Gardiner Scholarship Program	McKay Scholarship Program	Hope Scholarship Program
<p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the student is currently placed, or during the previous state fiscal year was placed, in foster care OR • the student is on the direct certification list or the student's household income level does not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level OR • contingent on available funds, if the student's household income does not exceed 260 percent of the federal poverty level. 	<p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or 4 years old before September 1 AND • has one of the following disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, an intellectual disability, Phelan-McDermid syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, spina bifida, considered high-risk, muscular dystrophy, Williams syndrome, rare disease, anaphylaxis, deaf, visually impaired, traumatic brain injury, hospital homebound, or dual sensory impaired OR has an IEP indicating one of these disabilities. 	<p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have an active IEP or 504 plan AND • have been enrolled and reported for funding in a public school in the preceding school year as a K-12 student, Pre-K student receiving services in the district OR have been a Pre-K student reported as receiving Specialized Individual Services by OEL and was at least 4 years old OR • attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind the preceding school year OR • a foster student OR • a dependent child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who transfers to Florida from out of state. 	<p>Eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in a Florida public school in kindergarten through grade 12 AND • has been subjected to an incident of battery; harassment; hazing; bullying; kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses, harassment, assault, or battery; threat or intimidation; or fighting at school.
<p>Scholarship use: Tuition and fees in a private school OR transportation to a Florida public school outside your district.</p>	<p>Scholarship use: Tuition and fees in a private school, approved services and therapies by an approved provider, home education related materials, and other contracted services and/or programs.</p>	<p>Scholarship use: Tuition and fees at an approved private school.</p>	<p>Scholarship use: Tuition and fees in a private school OR transportation to a Florida public school outside your district.</p>
<p>Maximum scholarship amounts: \$6,519 grades K-5 \$6,815 grades 6-8 \$7,111 grades 9-12 \$750 for public school transportation</p>	<p>Average scholarship amount: \$10,000 per year</p>	<p>Average scholarship amount: Scholarship amount is based on the student's matrix score and services provided in the public school.</p>	<p>Maximum scholarship amounts: \$6,519 grades K-5 \$6,815 grades 6-8 \$7,111 grades 9-12 \$750 for public school transportation</p>
<p>How to apply: Through eligible Scholarship Funding Organizations, A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation or Step Up For Students. http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/ftc/ftc-parent-info.stml</p>	<p>How to apply: Through eligible Scholarship Funding Organizations, A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation or Step Up For Students. http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/gardiner/</p>	<p>How to apply: Through the Florida Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice. http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/mckay/mckay-parent-info.stml</p>	<p>How to apply: Through eligible Scholarship Funding Organizations Step Up For Students. https://www.stepupforstudents.org/</p>

For the public school option for the McKay Scholarship Program and the Hope Scholarship Program, please contact your school district office.