

Approval of Amendments to Scholarship Rules Related to House Bill 1 (2023)

Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C., Private School Scholarship Compliance; Rule 6A-6.0960, F.A.C., Florida Tax Credit Scholarship; Rule 6A-6.0952, F.A.C., Family Empowerment Scholarship

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Purpose

- Administrate the expansion of universal school choice in the state of Florida so students are not limited in the education they receive because of their zip code.
- Strengthen accountability and reporting requirements.
- Implement more flexibility with authorized scholarship fund uses for Florida families.



Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C., Private School Scholarship Compliance

- Deletes references to the McKay Scholarship Program.
- Updates statute references.
- Implements updates from House Bill 1 (2023), including:
 - Updates to Scholarship Compliance Form dates (March to February; May to April).



Rule 6A-60960, F.A.C., Florida Tax Credit Scholarship

- Brings the rule into alignment with House Bill 1 (2023).
 - Updates requirements and expands eligibility to students with Personalized Education Programs.
- Implements updates from House Bill 1 from the 2023 Legislative Session.
- Updates Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) application submission website reference.
- Updates the William L. Boyd grant name to be in alignment with current statute.
- Updates statute references.



Rule 6A-60952, F.A.C., Family Empowerment Scholarship

- Brings the rule into alignment with House Bill 1 (2023).
 - Changes scholarship eligibility requirements, the conditions for termination of the scholarship and amending scholarship payment dates.
- Implements updates from House Bill 1 from the 2023 Legislative Session, including:
 - Changes related to the expansion of the program.
 - Updates to authorized uses for scholarship funds.
 - Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) eligibility.
 - FES expansion.
 - Provisions for choice navigator services.



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