



Florida Virtual School (FLVS) And the McKay Scholarship Program

Please remember that in the 2015-16 school year, scholarship payments will be reduced for students enrolled in or successfully completing FLVS courses. Private school administrators have been advised of this funding issue, so check with your school's director to find out about the impact enrolling in FLVS courses would have on your child's scholarship amount.

Money Matters: What is a fee schedule?

As a McKay parent, you are probably aware by now of your child's funding amount and quarterly payments. But where does that money go? How does it get spent?

For answers to those questions, you will want to have a look at your child's **Student Fee Schedule**. The Student Fee Schedule is the list of services that your school creates for your particular child when they enroll him or her. The Fee Schedule can be modified throughout the year as needed.

You can view it by logging on, using the password sent to you at the time your child enrolled. (Go to www.floridaschoolchoice.org, and select Parent Login from the Secured Login section. If you do not have your password, please contact us for help.)

Parent Affidavit

Parents of participating students must have a Parent Affidavit on file with the Department in order to receive scholarship payments. The form, which is available through our website, must be signed and notarized to affirm the validity of your signature. If you have not yet completed an affidavit, check with your private school to find out if they have a notary available to assist you with this task.

Going through Changes? Update your info — it's easy!

If you have changes in your contact information, do let us know right away so we can keep you informed on issues involving your child. You can keep your address, email, and phone number up-to-date through the Parent Login on our main webpage. Once logged in, you'll see: "Click here to Change your Contact Information." Simply enter any changes and click "Save Changes." If you want to change or correct your name or Social Security Number, though, you'll need to get a Guardian Issue Form from your school. This is the same form that's used to change the person who will be signing the scholarship payment checks. Don't delay in reporting any

The services that you can see on your child's Student Fee Schedule are selected from the private school's **School Fee Schedule**, which includes all the services and fees offered by the school to all students. Think of the School Fee Schedule as a restaurant menu. Your child's Student Fee Schedule would be the meal check listing your selections from that menu.

What might be on your child's Student Fee Schedule? It will, of course, list tuition. But it may also include a number of other academic items or services that relate to your child's education. You may see listed various fees, special programs, tutoring, therapy, or summer school. Schools may also charge for supplies, materials, transportation, uniforms, insurance, field trips, or other items or activities related to the child's education. (Non-academic items such as meals or day care cannot be included on the Student Fee Schedule.)

The Student Fee Schedule lists the total charges for your child for the school year. If this amount is less than your scholarship, the payment checks will be issued for the lesser amount. If the total comes to more than your scholarship, you will be responsible for coming to an arrangement with the school to deal with the difference. If you have any questions about your child's fee schedule, arrange to discuss them with your school administrator.

Restrictive Endorsement

When a private school receives McKay Scholarship checks, the school is required to stamp the back of each check "For Deposit Only" followed by the name of the school's bank account.

Scholarship checks should not leave the possession of the private school, and students should not take scholarship checks home for your endorsement (signature). The private school should notify you that the checks have arrived and ask you to come in to the school to restrictively endorse (sign) the checks.

It is essential that the parent whose name is on the scholarship check be the individual that endorses the check when received by

changes to this critical information, or you just may miss a quarterly payment!

Other Resources

FloridaStudents.org is a new free tool designed to aid students and provide Florida Standards Student Tutorials and Resources. The website currently has over 1,700 resources aligned to Florida Standards in ELA, mathematics, science and civics, some web-based, as well as original tutorials created by Florida educators. The website also contains a link to the Official SAT® Practice website, a free resource for students that is provided by the College Board and Khan Academy.



The 2016 Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Initiative is scheduled for January 25-29, 2016. This year's theme is "Literacy Changes Our World!" For tips and recommended reading lists, visit the Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! website.



MyCareerShines is an age-appropriate online planning tool designed to help middle and high school students assess their interests, explore careers, plan for education and prepare for work. The online tools under MyCareerShines are available free to all Florida students and school personnel. To learn more about this new education and career planning system,

the private school. Under law, power of attorney cannot be given from the parent to the private school.

You should make sure that the back of the scholarship check states that the money is to be deposited into the private school's account. If not, you should write the statement "For deposit only into the account of (name of private school)" before signing the check. You should also verify before signing that the information on the front of the check is correct.

please visit [MyCareerShines Learning Center](#).

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