

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA

The McKay Scholarship

A student with a Disability who is enrolled in a public school and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 accommodation plan may receive a McKay Scholarship to attend an eligible public or private school of their choice. Parents may file intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program on the www.floridaschoolchoice.org website. **Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Phone: 1-800-447-1636.**



MIAMI DADE COUNTY MCKAY FUNDING CHART FOR 2020-2021

Grades K-3		
251	252	253
\$6,409	\$8,794	\$12,389
Grades 4-8		
251	252	253
\$5,995	\$8,379	\$11,974
Grades 9-12		
251	252	253
\$5,702	\$8,086	\$11,681

254 K - 12	255 K - 12
16,379	24,343

Step up for Students Income Based Scholarship

The scholarships are based on financial need, not how well your child does in school. Families may choose between financial assistance toward private school tuition and fees, or with transportation costs to attend a public school in another county. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and can be transferred to other eligible schools if the student moves within the state, or simply wants to attend a different Step Up partner school. Household income must be at/or below the income criteria found on the attached chart.

Website: www.stepupforstudents.org

Phone: 1-877-735-7837

Family Empowerment Scholarship	\$7,089	\$6,573	\$6,622
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship	\$ 6,815.00		

Special Needs Scholarship (Gardiner)

The Gardiner Scholarship is different than other state scholarships in that it allows parents to personalize the education of their children with unique abilities by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. These include schools, therapists, specialists, curriculum, and technology.

Students are not required to be enrolled in a Public school to be eligible. Students need an Individual Education Plan (IEP) from a Florida school district or a formal diagnosis from a Florida licensed physician or psychologist.

This scholarship is for Florida students diagnosed with one of the following disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Spina bifida, Williams syndrome or intellectual disability (severe cognitive impairment). Also, students in kindergarten deemed "high risk" due to developmental delays and not older than 5 on Sept. 1 may be eligible for the year they apply.

Website: www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/special-needs/how-the-scholarship-works

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Approximate Funding Amounts	<u>K-3</u>	<u>4-8</u>	<u>9-12</u>
		\$11,100	\$10,746

FACTS

- ✓ Scholarship programs cannot be combined

- ✓ Scholarship participants may lose their eligibility if enrolled in a public school while waiting for their private school to begin classes. Students must withdraw from the public school in order to receive funding

- ✓ Scholarships have Application Deadlines. Please visit their website for more information and eligibility requirements.