

There are two income based scholarship programs in Florida, the first – Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) - has been in place since 2002. The second, Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) is a new program signed into law to begin in the 2019-2020 year. Aspects of this are still under development, but eligible families may begin the application process now.

Both programs require parents to apply and provide income/student eligibility documentation. Before you start the process you should gather all the documentation to submit with your application. Both programs award on first come, first served until funding availability is exhausted. Failure to provide necessary documentation will significantly delay approval and likely land the student on a waiting list.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION FOR BOTH THE FTC and FES SCHOLARSHIP

- A copy of your 2018 1040 Tax Return (all pages & w2). *Families with students documented on current SNAP/TANF approval letters or are in Foster/Out-of-Home care are not required to submit any type of income documentation.*
- Any other sources of income (i.e. – unemployment benefits, social security benefits, child support benefits, etc.) ALL ARE COUNTED TOWARDS HOUSEHOLD INCOME
- Proof of residency for all members in the household (I.E.- health insurance, Medicaid, income/tax return documentation, court custody documents or residential lease listing household members)
- Driver's license or passport for primary and secondary parents
- Birth certificate if your child is entering kindergarten or first grade
- **FES Scholarship only** – For children entering grade 1 or higher, report card or transcript showing attendance in a Florida Public School the entire previous school year (2018-2019)

The [Florida Tax Credit Scholarship](#) (FTC) Program – A student is eligible for this if:

- 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 (household receives SNAP/food stamps/TANF/FDPIR) **OR**
- the student's household (HH) income level does not exceed the FTC Guidelines Table below

# People in Household	Maximum HH Income
2	\$43,966
3	\$55,458
4 or more	\$66,950

All FTC scholarships are distributed first come, first served with a priority for renewing students and their siblings, students at the federal poverty level, and then students above poverty level based on funding availability. Students on the FTC scholarship must reapply annually.

If you're income eligible for an FTC Scholarship [apply NOW](#). Go to www.stepupforstudents.org Choose "INCOME BASED" and scroll down to the FIRST "Apply Now" button and click to apply for FTC Scholarship.

The [Family Empowerment Scholarship](#) (FES) Program – A student is eligible for this if:

- the student is currently placed, or during the previous state fiscal year was placed in foster care/out-of home care.
- the student is on the direct certification list (household receives SNAP/food stamps/TANF/FDPIR) **OR**
- the student's household (HH) income level does not exceed FES Guidelines Table below **AND**
- the student is either entering Kindergarten (Age 5 by Sept 1) OR spent the previous year in a Florida Public School.
- Students must be accepted and enrolled in a private school participating in the Family Empowerment Scholarship

# People in Household	Maximum Annual HH Income
2	\$50,730
3	\$63,990
4 or more	\$77,250

All FES scholarships are funded through the State but available funds are annually capped by law. Funding is distributed first come, first served with a priority for students at the federal poverty level, and then students above poverty level based on funding availability.

If you're income eligible for an FES Scholarship [apply NOW](#). Go to www.stepupforstudents.org. Choose "INCOME BASED" and scroll down beneath the "Family Empowerment Scholarship – Eligibility and Program Details" to the "Apply Now" button. Click to apply.

The [McKay Scholarship](#) Program serves students with disabilities including those who are documented in an IEP as having an intellectual disability; a speech or language impairment; a hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment, including blindness; a dual sensory impairment; an orthopedic impairment, an other health impairment, an emotional or behavioral disability; or a specific learning disability. Students on the McKay Scholarship are funded through FL Dept of Education and do not have to reapply annually and remain on the scholarship until they graduate or return to a public school.

To be eligible to receive a McKay Scholarship, a student must:

- Have an active Individual Education Plan (IEP) (or 504 Plan for at least 6 months) which documents a disability,
- Be at least 5 years old and younger than 22 by September 1 of the scholarship year,
- Be a current Florida public school student, and
- Have attended public school in Florida during the prior school year (by being reported in both the October and February FTE counts).

If you think your child is eligible [file intent now](#) at the following web page: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/mckay/mckay-parent-info.stml>

Scroll down to the section that says “McKay Scholarship Parent Information” and click the link below that that says “Apply for a McKay Scholarship.” You can check the status of your request at the same web page. **DEADLINE FOR FULL SCHOLARSHIP – JULY**

3, 2019, partial scholarships available afterwards.

The [Hope Scholarship](#): For students who have experienced one of these qualifying bullying incidents on or after Aug 1, 2018 and submitted report of incident to the principal or other designated school official for: battery, harassment, hazing, bullying, kidnapping, physical attack, robbery, sexual offenses, threat and intimidation, assault and fighting in school? (Qualifying incidents may occur within a school building, on school property, at any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, while riding the bus or while waiting at a bus stop.) After investigation of incident if verified principal or designee must fully complete a Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEP-HS1). This form is required to apply for the scholarship. Funding contingent upon available funds. To apply visit www.stepupforstudents.org Choose “Bullied Students” then click “Apply Now.”

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SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS FOR 2019-2020

NOTE: Scholarship application and PCCS enrollment are two separate processes.