

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP—EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The Family Empowerment Scholarship—Educational Options (FES EO) Program was established to enhance Florida's menu of education options. It will provide Florida families with the opportunity to select the school that best meets their students' needs and enables them to reach their academic goals.

The FES EO program provides eligible students a scholarship to attend a private school selected by the parent. A student is eligible for FES EO if the student is a resident of this state and is eligible to enroll in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school in this state. Priority for program participation is set as follows:

- A student whose household income level does not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level or who is in foster care or out-of-home care.
- A student whose household income level exceeds 185 percent of the federal poverty level but does not exceed 400 percent of the federal poverty level.
- A student whose household income level exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

Prior to scholarship funds being awarded, the student must be accepted and enrolled in a participating private school. For a list of eligible schools, please view the Department's Private School Directory at <https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/information/privateschooldirectory/>. A private school that is currently eligible to participate in any of the scholarship programs is eligible to participate in FES EO; however, parents should contact the school to inquire as to whether the private school will participate in the program.

Parents who are interested in applying for FES EO should first contact one of Florida's two approved scholarship funding organizations (contact information below) to complete the income verification process.

For more information, please visit the Department of Education website at www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/.

Scholarship Funding Organizations

AAA Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.aaascholarships.org/>

888-707-2465

info@aaascholarships.org

Step Up for Students

<https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>

877-735-7837

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