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Welcome!

# Why Are We Here?

FUND THE CHILDREN NOT THE SCHOOLS



WHY SCHOOL CHOICE?

SCHOOL CHOICE SAVED MY LIFE!

# Empowering Parents to Take Charge of Their Children's Education.

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- It is the right and responsibility of parents to educate their children.
- Parents need to be aware of what their children are/aren't being taught.
- Financial and other concerns limit our choices.
- Governor DeSantis and Florida Legislature have enacted major change that can help parents and students.



# Personalized Education with the Money Following the Student.

## Scholarships for:

- Private Schools
- Home Schooling
- Unique Abilities
- Transportation to other than address assigned public school.
- Reading Tutorship





# Who is eligible?

Florida Resident

Eligible to enroll in  
K thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
in a public school

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*How Much?*



# FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

## Basic Scholarship Amounts for 2023-24



Grades K-3

\$7,877

Grades 4-8

\$7,250

Grades 9-12

\$7,188



# FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES

## LAKE COUNTY

ESE Levels 1-3 (251-253)



Grades K-3

\$9,929

Grades 4-8

\$9,302

Grades 9-12

\$9,240

ESE Level 4 (254)

\$21,158

ESE Level 5 (255)

\$31,442

# Where Do We Start?

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## CREATE FAMILY ACCOUNT WITH

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

1. Sign Up for an account in EMA.
2. Add all students you'd like considered for a scholarship using the "Add a Student" tool.
  - Please note: The "Find Students" tool is reserved for renewing students
3. On your EMA dashboard, click the "Apply" button for the appropriate program and submit your application for all students. If you are applying for more than one program, repeat the process after submitting the first application.
  - Form 1070: If your household income is above 400% of the federal poverty level, you do not have to submit income documentation to Step Up For Students for your student to be eligible to receive a scholarship. You must, however, enter your true and accurate total gross income within your student's scholarship application as well as submit Form 1070.
4. You're all set! Please monitor your email for application status updates.

# Choose School Type and Apply



<https://schoolahoop.org/state/fl/>

# Florida School Choice Resources

## Resources for Parents

This is your primary source for information and to apply and track your application.

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

### Frequently Asked Questions

[Family Empowerment Scholarship—Educational Options \(FES EO\) FAQs](#)

[Step Up For Students Scholarship Application Checklist](#)

### Link for Finding Eligible Schools

<https://schoolahoop.org/state/FL/>

[Great Website for Helping Parents Decide Best School Type for Their Children.](#)

## Books

[Battle for the American Mind](#)

[How to Educate an American](#)

## Resource for Schools

This is handbook for schools on how to apply to accept scholarships.

[FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS](#)

# Approved Private Schools in Area

School Name	School Code	Director	Address 1	City
APPLIED BEHAVIOR EDU AND LIFESKILLS ACADEMY	7401	TERRI HOWARD	350 ACCEPTANCE WAY	CLERMONT
BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	1689	AMANDA DAVIS	20180 U.S. HIGHWAY 27	CLERMONT
CITRUS HEIGHTS ACADEMY	4156	TAMMY LANE	101 S. GRAND HIGHWAY	CLERMONT
DREAMPLEX THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL	5451	HIDALINA BERMUDEZ	2400 S HIGHWAY 27 SUITE 2103	CLERMONT
FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER SCHOOL - CLERMONT	4338	DR. AARON GONZALEZ	2500 SOUTH HIGHWAY 27	CLERMONT
GREATER HORIZONS ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE	8109	NAISHA DELGADO	1203 WEST HIGHWAY 50	CLERMONT
H.O.P.E. ACADEMY	8000	EUCRETIA WAITE	13806 SR 33	GROVELAND
HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER - SHAHWAN INVEST	9087	SAM SHAHWAN	3150 CITRUS TOWER BLVD SUITE B	CLERMONT
INTEGRITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	6889	KRISTINE STEVENS	7432 EAST HIGHWAY 50	GROVELAND
LAKEVIEW ACADEMY PRIVATE SCHOOL	1353	REBECCA HUNTINGTON	12301 MATTIODA RD.	GROVELAND
LAND OF LAKES MONTESSORI SCHOOL	4629	REBECCA QUINTANA	1650 OAKLEY SEAVER DR	CLERMONT
MONTESSORI BILINGUAL ACADEMY	9594	DENISE TORRES	355 CITRUS TOWER BLVD	CLERMONT
MONTVERDE ACADEMY	1034	KASEY C. KESSELRING	17235 7TH STREET	MONTVERDE
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	4453	JANET BURMEISTER	105 E. BAKER	MINNEOLA
PRAISE TEMPLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	3727	CLAYTON LANGLEY	5910 BIBLE CAMP ROAD	GROVELAND
REAL LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	1219	DAWN ENGLE	1501 STEVE'S RD.	CLERMONT
SOUTH LAKE MONTESSORI SCHOOL	4402	JANIS SHELDON	983 W. DESOTO STREET	CLERMONT
THE DREAM ACADEMY INC	8606	LUZEL GARCIA	2400 SOUTH HIGHWAY 27	CLERMONT
THE KEY TO LEARNING	8949	DR. MERCY NYMAN	10726 LIBBY NUMBER 3 ROAD	CLERMONT
THE WAY ACADEMY	5656	CHARLES WILLIAMS	105 EAST BAKER STREET	MINNEOLA
VINCENT CAREER TRAINING INSTITUTE	6156	ANITA VINCENT	836 WEST DESOTO ST SUITE 5E	CLERMONT
WESLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	8477	ROBERT MCCUE JR.	950 7TH ST	CLERMONT

# Approved Charter Schools

School Code	School Name	Principal	Address	City
9018	ALEE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	CINDY EMERICK	1705 E COUNTY ROAD 44	EUSTIS
9028	ALTOONA SCHOOL	DAWN CERNEY	42630 STATE ROAD 19	ALTOONA
9031	IMAGINE SCHOOLS AT SOUTH LAKE	KATHLEEN DIAL	2750 HARTWOOD MARSH RD	CLERMONT
531	LAKE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	DEANNA THOMAS	2001 KURT ST	EUSTIS
541	MASCOTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	TIFFANY MAYHUGH-REGO	460 MIDWAY AVE	MASCOTTE
261	MINNEOLA CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL	SHERRY WATTS	320 E PEARL ST	MINNEOLA
9027	PINECREST ACADEMY FOUR CORNERS	JORGE RIVAS	1100 S US HWY 27	CLERMONT
9039	PINECREST ACADEMY TAVARES	REBECCA SCHANCK	2550 HUFFSTETLER DR	TAVARES
9041	PINECREST LAKES ACADEMY	CHRISTY ALCALDE	14012 OLD HIGHWAY 50	MINNEOLA
9061	PINECREST LAKES MIDDLE/HIGH ACADEMY	CHRISTY ALCALDE	1250 N HANCOCK RD.	CLERMONT
149	ROUND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LINDA BARTBERGER	31333 ROUND LAKE RD	MOUNT DORA
631	SPRING CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	WESLEY LOCKE	44440 SPRING CREEK RD	PAISLEY



Questions??





Thank You for attending!

# Federal Poverty Level

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Family size	2022 income numbers	2023 income numbers
For individuals	\$13,590	\$14,580
For a family of 2	\$18,310	\$19,720
For a family of 3	\$23,030	\$24,860
For a family of 4	\$27,750	\$30,000
For a family of 5	\$32,470	\$35,140
For a family of 6	\$37,190	\$40,280
For a family of 7	\$41,910	\$45,420
For a family of 8	\$46,630	\$50,560
For a family of 9+	Add \$4,720 for each extra person	Add \$5,140 for each extra person