



SURGE Christian Academy has been approved by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to participate in the following Scholarship Programs:

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K-12 Scholarship Programs

Florida provides a variety of school choice options, including six scholarship programs. These programs allow parents unprecedented choice among public and private schools.

1. **Family Empowerment Scholarship**

The Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) Program is one of Florida's greatest victories for low-income and working-class families, and it is the first of its kind to extend support to middle-income families. Following the 2019 Legislative Session, Governor Ron DeSantis signed SB 7070, which creates the FES Program and provides 18,000 students life-changing education opportunities for academic and career success.

The FES Program will provide an educational lifeline to students waiting for an opportunity to find the school that will best work for them and puts more parents in the driver's seat to determine the best educational environments for their children.

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<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/fes/>

2. Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (Step Up for Students and AAA)

To expand educational opportunities for children of families that have limited financial resources and to enable children in this state to achieve a greater level of excellence in their education, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program in 2001. The law provides for state tax credits for contributions to nonprofit [scholarship funding organizations](#), (SFOs). The SFOs then award scholarships to eligible children of low-income families.

Eligible SFOs:

Each of the Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFO) below is approved to administer the Family Empowerment Scholarship, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, the Gardiner Scholarship, the Hope Scholarship, and the Reading Scholarship Programs. Please contact the SFO to determine the programs they administer.

A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- FL, LLC

P.O. Box 15719, Tampa, FL 33684

Phone/Fax: 888-707-2465

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Step Up For Students

P.O. Box 54367

Jacksonville, FL 32245-4367

877-735-7837

info@stepupforstudents.org

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<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/ftc/>

3. McKay Scholarship

Florida's school choice programs allow parents to choose the best educational setting—public or private—for their child. The **McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities** provided over 31,000 Florida students with special needs the opportunity to attend a participating private school during the 2017-18 school year. The McKay Scholarship Program also offers parents public school choice. A parent of an eligible special needs student may choose to transfer the student to another public school.

"The school-choice issue is not about public versus private; it's about choice. It's about knowing what works well for my family and being able to make that choice for them." — Parent of a McKay Scholarship Student

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4. Gardiner Scholarship

The Gardiner Scholarship Program provides eligible students a scholarship that can be used to purchase approved services or products in order to design a customized educational program for the student. Scholarships can be used for specialized services such as speech or occupational therapy, instructional materials, tuition at an eligible private school, contributions to a college prepaid account and more. The program is directly administered by state-approved nonprofit scholarship funding organizations.

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5. Hope Scholarship Program

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, a student enrolled in a Florida public school in kindergarten through grade 12 who has been subjected to an incident of battery; harassment; hazing; bullying; kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses, harassment, assault, or battery; threat or intimidation; or fighting at school the opportunity to transfer to another public school with capacity or enroll in an approved private school under the Hope Scholarship.

The law provides for eligible sales tax contributions from the purchase of a motor vehicle to eligible nonprofit [scholarship funding organizations](#) (SFOs). Contingent upon available funds, the SFOs then award the scholarships to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the 2018-19 school year, Step Up For Students will be the only Scholarship Funding Organization administering this scholarship program.

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