



Not all students learn the same way. That's why Step Up For Students exists: to give Florida's neediest children options to find the learning environment that works best for them.

Step Up is a nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer four programs for Florida schoolchildren:

FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

The **income-based Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program** has two scholarship options: one that helps cover private school tuition and fees, or one that assists with transportation costs to attend a public school in another county. More than 1,800 private schools statewide accept this scholarship. To learn more about the income-based scholarship [click here](#).

GARDINER SCHOLARSHIP

The **Gardiner Scholarship** helps Florida families customize education for their **children with certain special needs** who are ages 3 through 22. The scholarship covers over 15 diagnoses, including autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, intellectual disability, spina bifida and traumatic brain injury. Parents can direct scholarship money toward a combination of approved programs and providers that best meet their children's unique learning needs. To learn more about the Gardiner Scholarship [click here](#).

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

The **Hope Scholarship Program** provides relief to students bullied in a public school. It gives them an opportunity to transfer to another public school or a participating private school. To qualify, the incident must have taken place at a public K-12 educational institution, any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, or while riding on the school bus or waiting at the bus stop. To learn more about the Hope Scholarship [click here](#).

READING SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

The **Reading Scholarship Accounts** is an education savings account program for third-through fifth-grade students enrolled in public schools who struggled the with English Language Arts section of the Florida Standards Assessment in the prior year. Worth \$500 each, these educational savings accounts help parents access programs and providers to help their children read. Students who are classified as English Language Learners (ELL) and enrolled in a program, or receiving services that are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of English Language Learner, are also eligible. To learn more about the Reading Scholarship Accounts [click here](#).

All children deserve these opportunities to fulfill their dreams. To learn more about Step Up and its programs, please visit www.StepUpForStudents.org.