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Scholarship Overview

Unique Abilities: Students from age 3 through grade 12 or age 22, whichever comes first, who have a specific diagnosis or have an IEP. The student can be either enrolled as home education with the district or enrolled in a private school.

Private School: The scholarship to attend an eligible private school, and any remaining funds can be accessed through your education savings account to further support your child's educational needs.

PEP: For Florida students who are not enrolled full-time in a private or public school.

New Worlds: The program benefits VPK and K-5 public school students who struggle early in reading and/or math skills.

Transportation Stipend: Supports the transportation costs associated with traveling to a different public school than the one the student has been assigned.



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**The Unique Abilities
Renewal Application
deadline is
April 30th!**

If you **accept** a scholarship, you will receive either confirmation of the award OR notice that the scholarship program has reached capacity. This notification will be sent by email.



If you **decline** the scholarship, your student will be withdrawn from the scholarship program. If interested, you will then be able to apply through another scholarship program for this student. Reapplying for the same scholarship or another scholarship will reset your current priority status, and you will be considered a 'New' applicant.



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NEW

UPDATE



**FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR
STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES**
PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK

2025-2026

Parent/Guardian Handbook

Parent and Guardian Handbooks

FES-UA Scholarship Parent and Guardian Handbook Updates

- Added the "Access to School District Courses & Services" section
- Language update that includes details for students who are not enrolling full-time with an eligible private school that a "letter of intent to be educated in a home education program" must be provided to their school district.
- Removed the Scholarship Decline Form link from the handbook.
 - **Please Note:** If a parent or guardian wishes to decline their student's scholarship once funding has been disbursed, then the parent or guardian must contact Step Up For Students.
- Highlighted language regarding prohibited full-time enrollment at a public school.
- Updated language in the "Continuing Program Eligibility" section that now includes "Accounts will be closed after two years without any spending activity or any period of three (3) consecutive years after high school completion during which the student has not been enrolled in an eligible postsecondary educational institution or a program offered by the institution".
- Added the "Authorized Use of Scholarship Funds" Chart on the **last page** of the handbook.



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Please follow the link or scan the QR code provided below to access the necessary application documents for your review.



New & Renewal Student Application Checklist



2025-26 RENEWAL STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Renewing your child's scholarship for a Private School (FTC/FES-EO), Unique Abilities (FES-UA), or PEP Scholarship requires certain documents for review and this guide is here to help you gather everything you need. If your student received funds in 2024-25, they're considered a renewal student.

Proof of Florida Residency:

Proof of Residency requires one document from Column A or two different documents from Column B. All documents must be current (dated within two months for recurring bills or statements), valid, and match the parent's or guardian's (primary or secondary) full name and the physical address on the application.

Column A Upload a copy of one of these documents	Column B Upload a copy of two of these documents
Utility bill (electric, gas, water)	Florida Driver's License or state-issued ID card
Mortgage statement or residential lease agreement	Paystub
Proof of current government benefits (Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Disability, Medicare, Section 8/HUD, TANF, SNAP, DCF correspondence)	Insurance policy statement (auto, health, home, or renters)
Homestead or Property tax statement/assessment	Mortgage acceptance letter
Permanent Change of Station (PCS) military orders*	Property Deed
Verification of homelessness	<i>Please note: Both documents from Column B need to be from the same guardian and must be from different categories.</i>
Migrant Address Verification Letter	

*Active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who do not have a Florida residential address at the time of application but have received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders must provide a copy of their PCS orders in the application documents and list the Florida address of the unit to which they are being assigned or from which they are being relieved.

Social Security Number

A Social Security Number will need to be entered for you and your student.

Note: FES applications require student social security numbers. If you or your student do not have a Social Security Number, leave this question blank. Your student will only be considered for a Private School Scholarship (FTC).

Diagnosis Documentation:

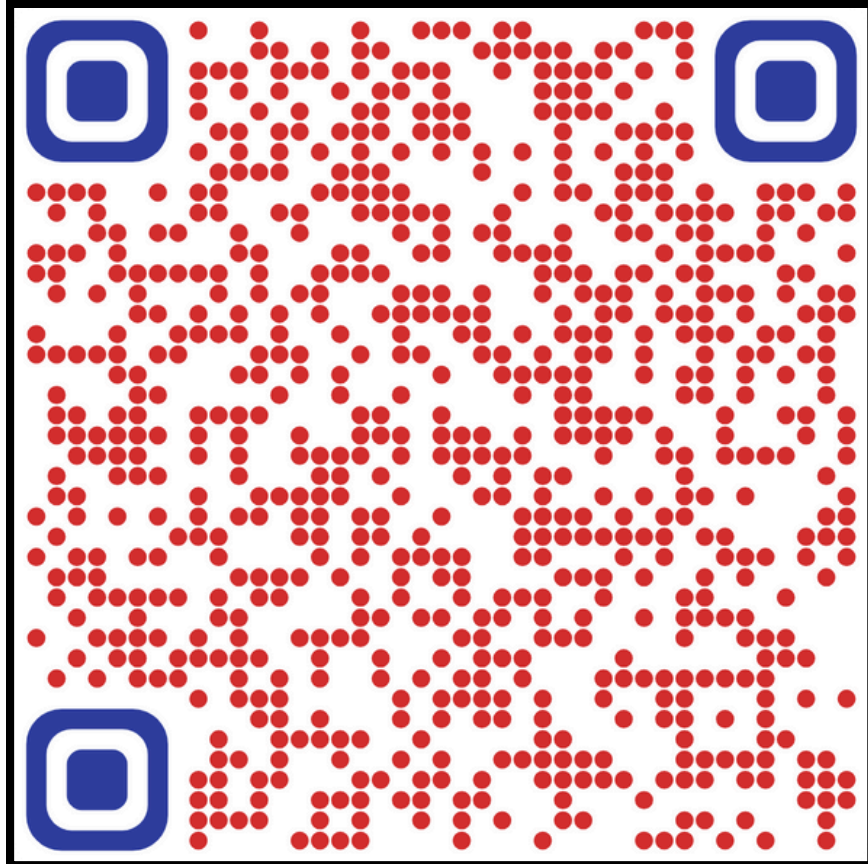
Additional documentation may be necessary for certain Unique Abilities Scholarship (FES-UA) applications. If your student previously qualified for the FES-UA scholarship under one of the following categories, you must submit documentation to demonstrate the student qualifies under an eligible diagnosis for the 2025-26 school year:

- Students who qualified as "high-risk" and who are turning 6 on or before September 1, 2025
- Students who qualified based on being hospitalized or homebound



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Click the link or scan the QR code below for a step-by-step guide for a renewal student.



[Renewal Application Process](#)



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Renewal Application Process 2025-2026

Family Empowerment Scholarship
for Unique Abilities (FES-UA)





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Student ID:
This is your student's unique identification number that will be needed for the engagement center to look up your students' application.

The screenshot shows the "Scholarship Portal" interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Reimbursements, My Students, Marketplace, Recent Transactions, and Help. The main content area has a top bar with three buttons: "Apply For Scholarship", "Open Student Learning Plan", and "New Reimbursement". Below this, the "Student Profile" section is highlighted with a red box around the "Student ID" field, which contains the value "20009667". A red arrow points from the "My Students" link in the sidebar to this field. To the right of the profile is a "Current Funds Available" section showing "\$0.00". Below that is an "Applications" section for "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts (2)", which has a "Funded" status and a "VIEW APPLICATION" button. A blue box highlights the "Award ID: 20001636" field, and a blue arrow points from the "Award ID" text to this field. The bottom of the profile section shows fields for Name, DOB, Gender, Ethnicity, Race, Relationship To You, and Student FLEID number.

Award ID:
Give this number to an eligible private school of your choice. They will use this number to enroll your student. This number changes yearly.



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What is
my
ScholarSHOP ?

Benefits of the MyScholarShop:




MyScholarShop offers a seamless shopping experience for educational materials, allowing vendors to be paid directly through your child's scholarship account, eliminating any out-of-pocket expenses and the hassle of reimbursement paperwork. The process is straightforward: simply search for the items you need as you would on any online platform, mark your favorites, and proceed to checkout when ready. MyScholarShop ensures you have sufficient funds before finalizing your purchase, and it's essential to confirm your shipping address beforehand. While MyScholarShop provides a convenient option, families are not required to use it; they can still buy pre-approved instructional materials directly from vendors and apply for reimbursement if preferred.



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MyScholarShop Vendor Alert

Company Name	Description of Services	Website
	Yoto is a screen-free audio player for children, offering stories, music, and educational content. It encourages learning, confidence, and independent play, covering topics like phonics, languages, and math with hundreds of hours of activities and games.	https://us.yotoplay.com/
	Our engaging video-based science curriculum for families combines a Christian worldview with vibrant visuals to simplify learning. It includes hands-on activities, virtual mentors passionate about science, and curated reading lists to deepen understanding and encourage exploration of complex topics.	https://journeyhomeschoolacademy.com/
	Noeo combines science and fun by providing a comprehensive course with experiments and living books. Each Noeo Box contains materials for over 70 experiments using common household items, eliminating shopping trips and allowing hands-on practice. It simplifies lesson planning by coordinating experiments, readings, and reviews into easy-to-follow lessons. Living books inspire curiosity and discovery with engaging narratives and illustrations. The program offers flexible scheduling to accommodate varying intensities and unexpected life events. Designed for multiple grades, Noeo allows siblings to learn together through shared books and experiments.	https://noeoscience.com/?srsltid=AfmBOooB-OgSCs9YFI-mVfaYWtyf7208bCRim6ytz1NfZ5HbUylUALiX



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MyScholarShop Resources



Welcome to
**my
ScholarSHOP**

NAVIGATING MyScholarShop In EMA

Navigating MyScholarShop
in EMA



**PARENTS: FINDING PROVIDERS &
SERVICES IN THE MARKETPLACE**

Parents: Finding Services and
Providers in the Marketplace



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Purchasing Guide Hot Topics



Assistive Technology Devices & Annual Educational Evaluation Fees



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Approved Assistive Technology Devices



Augmentative
Communication Device



Interactive
Metronome



Proloquo2Go



Braille Displays



Light Signaler
Alerts



Vibroacoustic
Therapy



Braille Embossers



Reading Tools



FM System

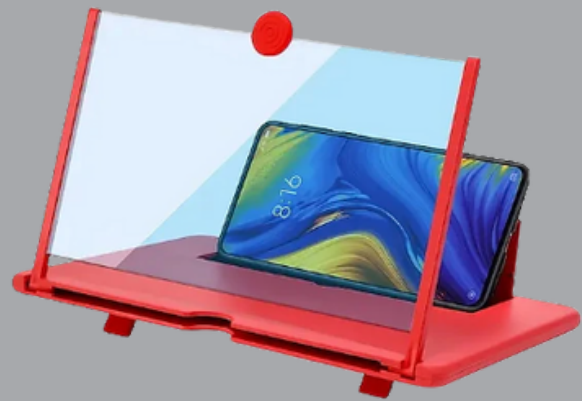


TTS

Text To Speech

Text-to-speech
(TTS) or Speech
Synthesizers

Unique Abilities Approved Assistive Technology Devices



Screen
Magnifiers/Enlargers



Talking and Large
Print Word
Processors



Student
Response
Systems



Screen Readers



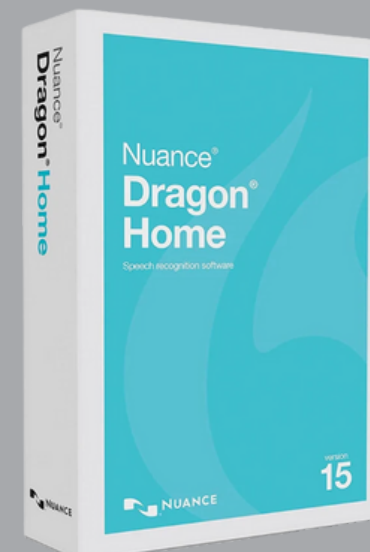
Sip-And-Puff
Systems



Switches and
other Devices



Smart Board



Speech or Voice
Recognition Programs



TTY/TTD
Conversion
Modems



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**Important to
Note**

**Additional Assistive Devices
may be eligible with Pre-
Authorization**

We will cover preauthorizations later in the presentation



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FES-UA Handbook pg. 36-37

FTC/FES-E0 Handbook pg. 29

Training On The Use Of Assistive Technology Devices

Scholarship funds can be used to train parents/guardians or students on how to use digital devices, digital peripheral devices, or assistive technology devices.



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Covered Annual Education Evaluation Fees

Approved standardized testing or assessments include:

- National and state-standardized, norm-referenced assessments
- Advanced Placement (AP) examinations
- Industry certification examinations
- Transition assessments
- Assessments related to postsecondary education
- Conducting career and interest assessments
- Initial or re-evaluation assessments
- Other assessments may be eligible with pre-authorization





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Annual Evaluation for home education student or standardized testing guide

Annual Evaluation for a Home Education Student or Standardized Testing

External Guide



Definitions

Evaluation of a home education student's annual educational progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the student, by a teacher, selected by the parent/guardian.

- Teacher **must** hold a valid regular Florida certificate to teach academic subjects at the elementary or secondary level.

Standardized testing includes administration of any nationally normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher.

Required Service Catalog documentation

- First and last name of the person rendering services.
- A copy of their FLDOE teaching certification number.

Eligible program: FES-UA

Eligible evaluation methods and the approved providers include:

- Evaluation of a student's educational progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the student.
 - By a teacher holding a valid regular Florida certificate to teach academic subjects at the elementary or secondary level.
- Administration of any nationally normed student achievement test administered.
 - By a certified teacher.
- Administration of a state student assessment test.
 - By a certified teacher at a location and under testing conditions approved by the school district

Approved standardized testing or assessments include:

- Nationally standardized, norm-referenced assessments
- Advanced Placement (AP) examinations
- Industry certification examinations
- Assessments related to postsecondary education
- Other assessments as outlined in the Purchasing Guide



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Important Items To Note: Annual Educational Evaluation

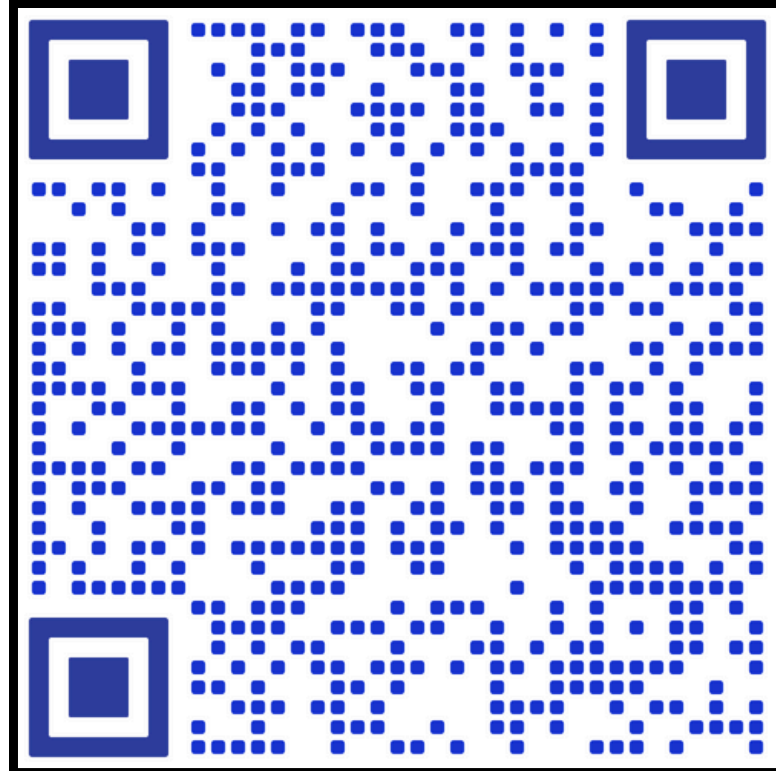
- Evaluation of a student's educational progress upon review of the portfolio and discussion with the student by a teacher holding a valid regular Florida certificate to teach academic subjects at the elementary or secondary level.
- Administration of any nationally normed student achievement test administered by a certified teacher.
- Administration of a state student assessment test by a certified teacher at a location and under testing conditions approved by the school district
- Fees for annual evaluations of the educational progress of a home education student as required under s. 1002.41(1)(f), F.S. is covered by the Family Empowerment Scholarship.



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Educational Benefit Form Explained

Please ensure all necessary questions are thoroughly answered and a detailed description is given for the educational benefit of that item, lesson, field trip.



Educational Benefit Form

Sample of Educational Benefit Form



Educational Benefit Form

Student Name: Johnny Doe

Student ID: 1234567890

Item for which reimbursement is requested (the item you purchased or plan to purchase):

Florida Theme Park Admission

What is the Educational Benefit of this item?

The park incorporates technology, engineering, and physics into its rides and attractions.

Discussions about how rides work, such as roller coaster mechanics or 3D/4D technology, can spark interest in STEM fields.

✓ I affirm scholarship program funds are used only for authorized purposes as described in ss. 1002.394(4) or 1002.395(6), F.S., as applicable, and serve the listed student's educational needs.

Parent Name: Jane Doe

Parent Signature: Jane Doe

PLEASE NOTE: Any violation of the FES/FTC scholarship statutes, rules, policies, or procedures may result in the loss of the scholarship, ineligibility for future scholarships, or financial or criminal penalties. Please see the Parent Handbooks for [FES-UA](#) or [FES-EO/FTC/PEP](#).



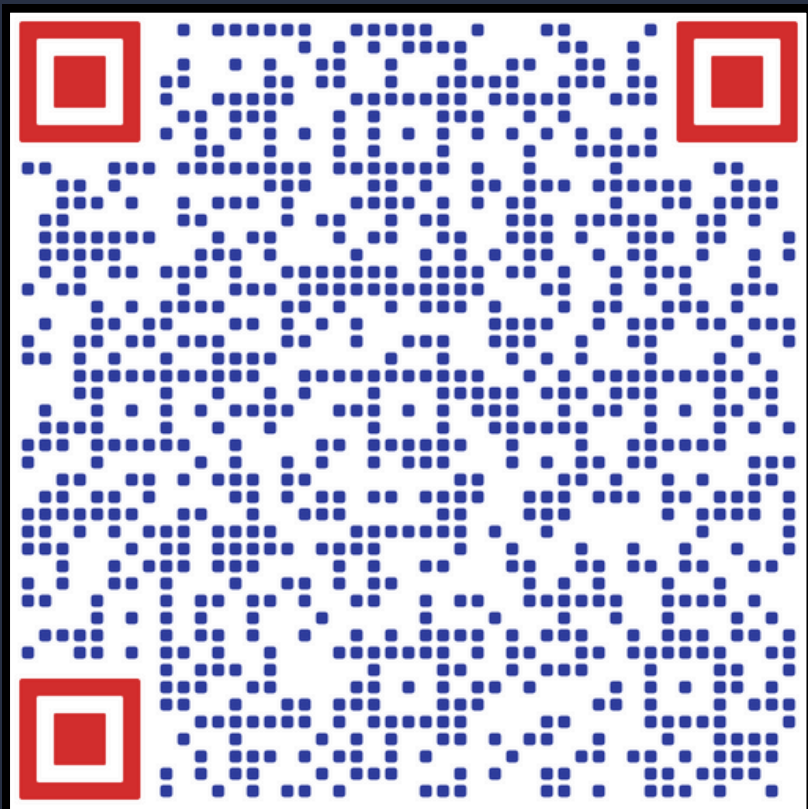
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Reimbursement Resources

Reimbursement Guide

A step by step guide to submitting a Reimbursement in EMA

Please scan the QR code or you can click the link to access the presentation



[Guardians Reimbursement Guide](#)

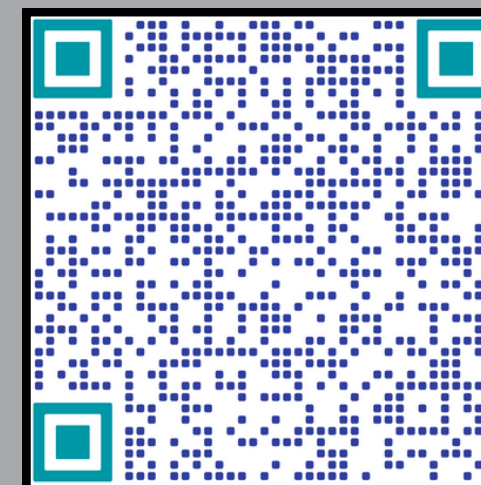
Pre-Authorization

A step by step guide to submitting a Pre-Authorization in EMA

Please scan the QR code below or click the link to access the presentation. Also, you can click the link on the right to watch the YouTube video for this process.



[Pre-Authorization Presentation YouTube Video](#)



[Pre-Authorization Presentation](#)



Florida 529 College Savings Plan

Overview of Florida 529 Savings Plan

Step Up cannot provide a student's 529 Savings Plan number. If you are not able to locate this number in the 529 account, please contact your account holder.





Florida 529 College Savings Plan

Locate the 10-digit number
associated with your student's 529
Savings Plan Account.

The screenshot shows the Florida Prepaid College Savings Plans website. The top left features the logo and the text "FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS". The main heading is "MANAGE PLANS". On the right, there is a "Quarterly Account Statement" section. A red box highlights the "Account Number" field, which contains a 10-digit number. Below this, there is a table titled "2023 YTD ACCOUNT SUMMARY" with columns for "Opening Balance", "YTD Contributions", "YTD Withdrawals", "YTD Fees", "YTD Gain/Loss", and "TOTAL ENDING BALANCE". The bottom right corner shows the date range "10/01/23 - 12/31/23".

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Florida 529 College Savings Plan

For guardians to contribute to the 529 College Savings Plans using scholarship funds, they will need to follow the steps below.

First, sign into your account in EMA and select Marketplace.



Dashboard



Reimbursements



My Students



Marketplace



Recent Transactions



Help



Florida 529 College Savings Plan

**Once the guardian selects
“Marketplace”, they must choose
“Find Providers” to bill for the 529
College Savings Plan.**

Welcome to Marketplace

The Marketplace connects parents and students to products and services that have scholarship funds. Purchases through the Marketplace allow vendors to be paid from the need for reimbursement. You will find a comprehensive library of educational products to support your student's potential.



MyScholarShop®

Online marketplace for educational tools



Find Providers

Find tutors, therapists and other providers for your student





Florida 529 College Savings Plan

After selecting a student, guardians can filter by selecting Florida 529 College Savings Plan from the drop-down, then click on the Hyperlink below in the search results.

The screenshot shows the "Scholarship Portal" interface. At the top, there's a dark blue header with the text "Scholarship Portal" and a notification bell icon. Below the header, the breadcrumb "MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS" is visible. The main section is titled "Find a Provider". A red circle with the number "1" highlights the "SELECT STUDENT" dropdown menu, which currently shows "FES-UA". Below this, a red circle with the number "2" highlights the search filters. The first filter is a dropdown menu labeled "Florida 529 College Savings Plan". To its right are "Service Type" and "Class Type" dropdowns, followed by a "Search" button. A red circle with the number "3" highlights the search results, which show a single result: "Florida 529 Savings Plan" with a hyperlink, followed by the text "Florida 529 College Savings Plan" and "A flexible, affordable, tax-free way to save for college". At the bottom, there's a pagination bar showing "From 1 to 1 of 1" and a page number "8".

Scholarship Portal

MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS

Find a Provider

To filter down your results, select a service category, service type, or class type, then click search. You are also able to search by business name, email, website, description, and location (address, city, zip).

Florida 529 College Savings Plan Service Type Class Type Search

[Florida 529 Savings Plan](#)
Florida 529 College Savings Plan
A flexible, affordable, tax-free way to save for college

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Florida 529 College Savings Plan

MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS > PROVIDER DETAILS

Select A Location To View Services

Select a location



After selecting the provider, the guardian must then select the location associated with the “service provider”.



Florida 529 College Savings Plan

Guardians need to indicate the rate (amount) they wish to contribute to their 529 College Savings Plan to make contributions. The quantity cannot be changed.

A screenshot of the Scholarship Portal website. The page is titled "Scholarship Portal" and shows the details for the "Florida 529 Savings Plan". The plan is described as "A flexible, affordable, tax-free way to save for college." Below this, there is a dropdown menu to "Select A Location To View Services" with the selected location being "Florida 529 Savings Plan, Florida 529 Savings Plan, PO BOX 6567, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314". The page is divided into two main sections: "LOCATION DETAILS" and "HOURS OF OPERATION". The "LOCATION DETAILS" section lists the address and phone number. The "HOURS OF OPERATION" section lists the hours for each day of the week. Below these sections, there is a "Services Offered" section with a table showing the "FLORIDA 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN" and the "UTMA/UGMA Plan". The "UTMA/UGMA Plan" section has a text input field for "Specify your contribution amount." and a "Rate" dropdown menu set to "\$500.00". The "Quantity" dropdown menu is set to "1". A red box highlights the "Rate" and "Quantity" dropdown menus. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Continue Shopping", "GO TO CART", and "ADD TO CART".



Florida 529 College Savings Plan

Double-check the amount you want to contribute to the 529 plan. Once correct, enter the 529 account number in the notes column. Once you have confirmed everything, click reserve funds.

Note: An incorrect account number may result in the purchase not getting processed!

A screenshot of the Scholarship Portal's Shopping Cart page. The page has a dark blue header with the "EMA Education Market Assistant" logo on the left and navigation icons on the right. A sidebar on the left contains links to Dashboard, Reimbursements, My Students, Marketplace, Recent Transactions, and Help. The main content area is titled "My Shopping Cart" and includes a disclaimer about reserving scholarship funds. Below this is a yellow "Important!" warning box. The cart table shows one item: "Florida 529 Savings Plan" with a price of \$1.00 and a quantity of 1. The "NOTES" column contains a text input field with the placeholder "Enter Account #". A "RESERVE FUNDS" button is at the bottom right. Red boxes highlight the price, quantity, and notes fields.

Scholarship Portal

MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS > PROVIDER DETAILS > SHOPPING CART

My Shopping Cart

By placing your order you agree to reserve scholarship funds for your requested service provider. If you cancel your service request, these funds will be available again within 3 business days. If you are unable to complete the transaction, it may be the student does not have enough available funds.

Important!
Please be sure to include your Account Number in the "Notes" field for your UTMA/UGMA Plan service type/s.

Student Total \$1.00

PROVIDER	SERVICE TYPE	LOCATION	PRICE	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL	NOTES	REMOVE
Florida 529 Savings Plan	UTMA/UGMA Plan	Florida 529 Savings Plan	\$1.00	1	\$1.00	Enter Account #	X

RESERVE FUNDS



Florida 529 College Savings Plan

My Scholar Portal | Marketplace

MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS > PROVIDER DETAILS > SHOPPING CART

You are about to reserve funds.

Do you give us permission to send your contact information to the provider? By checking "Yes" and clicking CONFIRM, you will be able to reserve funds for specified services.

☐ Yes, my contact information may be sent to the provider

CONFIRM

STUDENT TOTAL: \$100.00

QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL	REMOVE
2	\$100.00	X

RESERVE FUNDS

My Scholar Portal | Marketplace

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RESERVE FUNDS

After adding the 529 to your cart, select "Reserve Funds" to proceed to checkout. You will need to confirm permission to send your contact information to the provider by checking the box for "Yes" before the "Confirm" button appears.



Florida Prepaid

Direct contribution requests must be submitted by the 14th day of each month and will be sent to Florida Prepaid for verification monthly before each payment is made. The student's name listed on the scholarship account must match the name of the beneficiary of the Florida Prepaid account. Any requests received after the 14th day of each month will not be sent to Florida Prepaid for verification until the next month.



Florida Prepaid

Contributions to a [Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program](#) account must be paid out of pocket and reimbursed to the parent. There is no direct payment option for [Florida Prepaid](#) Accounts.

The student's name listed on the scholarship account must match the name of the beneficiary of the [Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Savings Program](#).

[UA Purchasing Guide Pg. 24- 25](#)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO APPROVED COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

This link will take you to a website describing Florida PrePaid College options:
<https://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/resources/prepaid-vs-savings/>

[s.1002.394\(4\)\(b\)](#), F.S.

6. Contributions to the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program pursuant to [s. 1009.98](#) or the Florida College Savings Program pursuant to [s.1009.981](#) for the benefit of the eligible student.

[s.1009.98](#) F.S.

(1) STANLEY G. TATE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PROGRAM; CREATION. There is created the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program to provide a medium through which the cost of registration and dormitory residence may be paid in advance of enrollment in a state postsecondary institution at a rate lower than the projected corresponding cost at the time of actual enrollment. Such payments shall be combined and invested in a manner that yields, at a minimum, sufficient interest to generate the difference between the prepaid amount and the cost of registration and dormitory residence at the time of actual enrollment. Students who enroll in a state postsecondary institution pursuant to this section shall be charged no fees in excess of the terms delineated in the advance payment contract.

Contributions to the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program pursuant to [s. 1009.98](#), Florida Statutes, or the Florida College Savings Program pursuant to [s. 1009.981](#), Florida Statutes, for the benefit of the eligible student, are covered by the FES-UA.

Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program

The following plans are eligible for contributions:

- 1-Year University Plan
- 4-Year University Plan
- 2-Year College Plan
- 4-Year College Plan
- 2+2 Florida Plan
- Dormitory Plan

The following restrictions on the FES-UA scholarship fund contributions to the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Fund apply:

- Contributions can only be made on behalf of the eligible FES-UA scholarship student.
- The account owner cannot change the beneficiary of an account that contains scholarship funds.
- Any privately contributed funds in the account will be used to pay plan benefits before the scholarship funds.
- If a Prepaid College account is closed the money will go back to the open scholarship account along with any interest accumulated, or to the State of Florida if the scholarship account has been or is being closed.
- If a student's scholarship account closes for any reason, money in the student's Florida Prepaid account contributed through the scholarship will be returned to the State of Florida.

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At this time we do not have the staffing for live Q&A sessions during the webinars but all questions turned in after the webinar are reviewed and we do our best to answer them in the following month's webinar.



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Question: What happens if I have FTC or FES-EO and want to apply for UA (2025-2026)?

Answer: Starting in the 2025-2026 academic year, declining and accepting scholarships will be managed through your EMA account. To apply for the FES-UA scholarship, you must first decline your current FTC or FES-EO scholarship, which involves your school returning any received payments. Consult your school about their procedures for tuition and fees. After declining, you can apply for FES-UA, and if awarded, provide the new Award ID to your school.

Question: How do I move my Legacy funds to use in EMA for reimbursements?

Answer: Your available funds are already accessible in EMA. Please use the Marketplace to find Providers or use MyScholarShop or submit reimbursements in your EMA account. [Click here for the YouTube video regarding reimbursements and pre-authorizations.](#)



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Question: Do I have to tell my school what my student's award amount is?

Answer: These discussions occur between the parent and the school. While there is no obligation for a parent to disclose their award amount, a school is free to inquire about it.

Question: What are the requirements for someone to be a tutor in EMA or for reimbursement?

Answer: Pages 17-18 in the FES-UA Purchasing Guide detail the requirements for full-time and part-time tutors.



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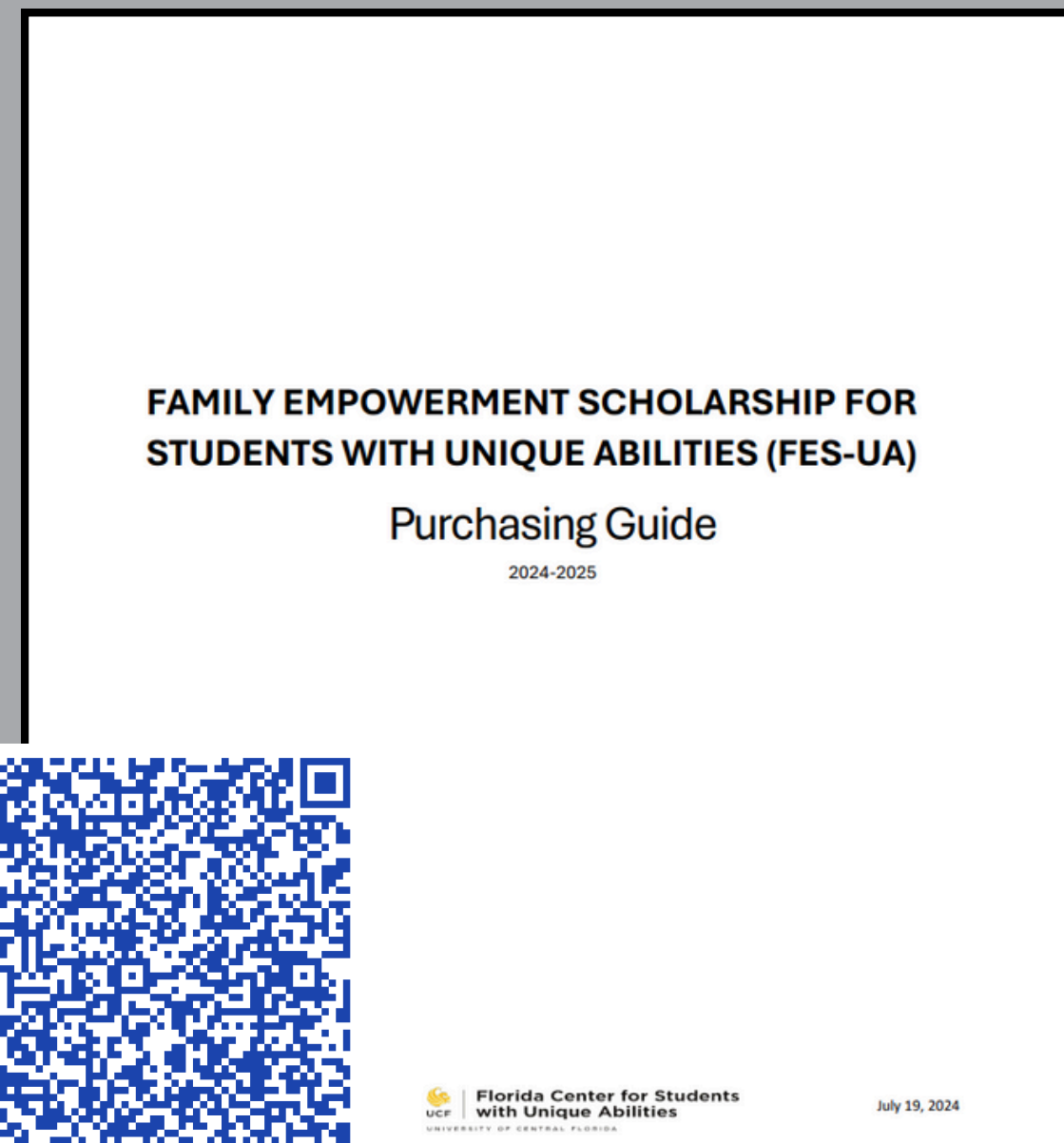
Guardian Handbook & Purchasing Guide Resources



Please scan the QR code
or click the link to
access the Guardian
Handbook and/or the
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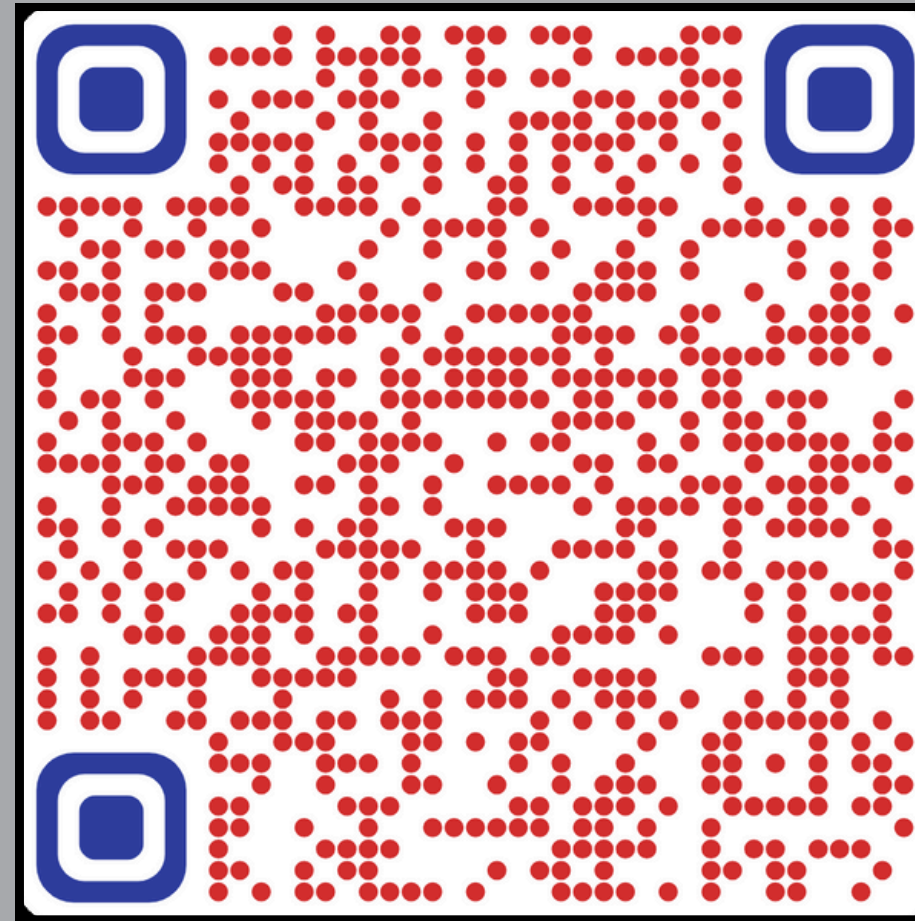
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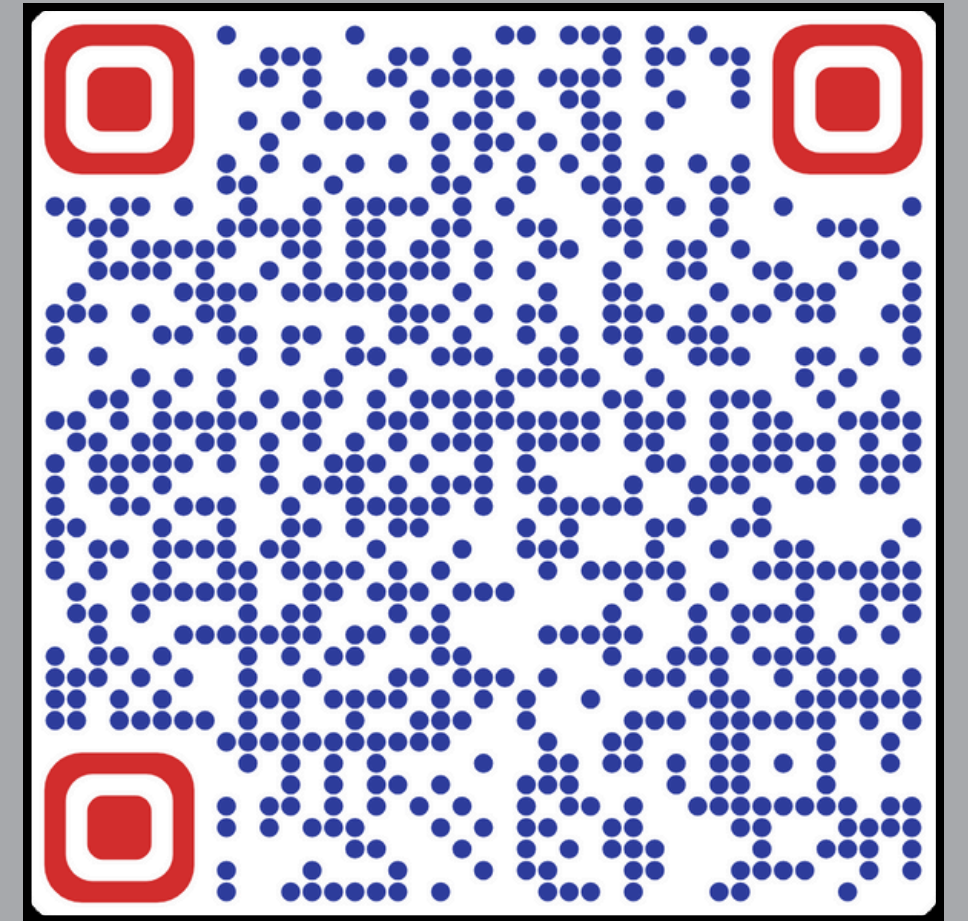
Previous Unique Abilities Open Houses



[December Open House](#)



[January Open House](#)



[February Open House](#)



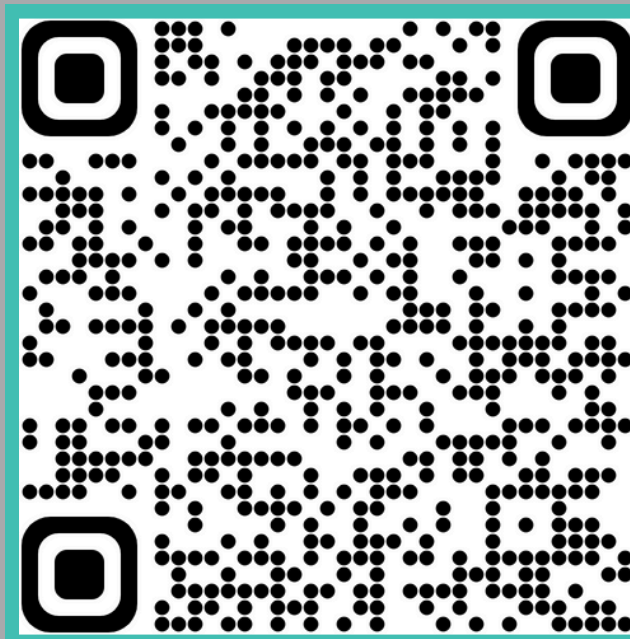
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Looking Ahead: Here are the registration links for the upcoming FTC/EO, PEP, NWSA Open Houses



[New World Open House](#)

May 14, 2025



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Looking for additional help? Scan the QR code or click the link to access our YouTube channel.



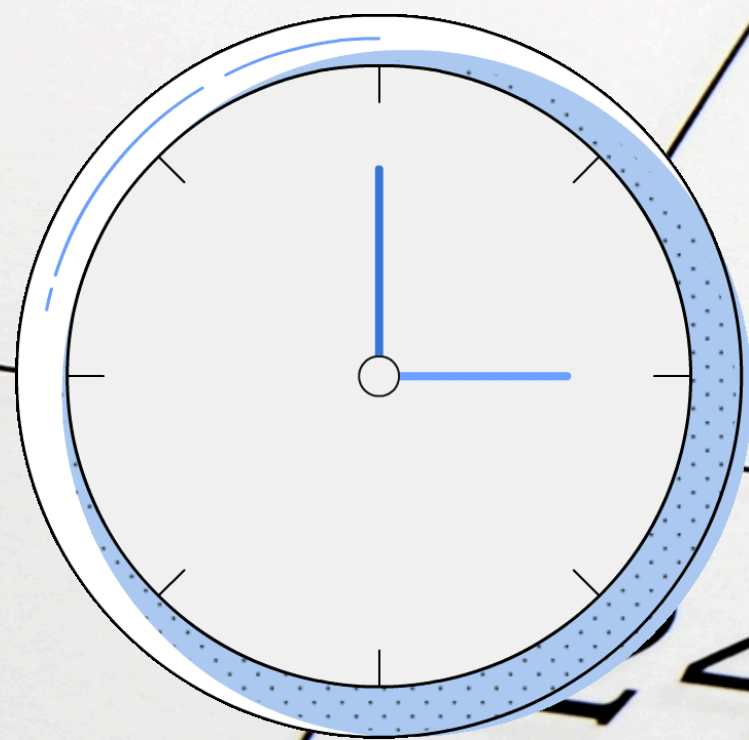
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Scholarship Application Deadlines

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE
NOW OPEN!**

Applications are officially open, but you have time and we will be here to support you every step of the way!

Deadlines to remember for 2025-26

**Renewal Applications are due
February 1-April 30**

Private Schools, Unique Abilities, PEP

New Application due dates:

Private Schools: February 1-November 15

Unique Abilities: February 1-November 15

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Thank you for attending!

Upcoming webinar: April 17th, 2025

[Registration Link](#)