



Florida Tax Credit Scholarship
Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options
(FTC/FES-EO)

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Subject: 📢 Renew your student's
Private School Scholarship!

Date: 02/03/2025



It's Time to Apply!

Please disregard if you have already submitted your application.

Hello.

Applications are now available for the 2025-26 school year, and we'd like to invite you to renew your student's Private School, Unique Abilities or PEP Scholarship.

[Click here to renew your scholarship](#)

Helpful Information:

👉 Families must submit one application per scholarship. Please be sure all of your students are included on the appropriate scholarship application before submitting.

👉 For resources, including our application checklist and videos, please [click here](#) and select the scholarship of your choice.

Monitor your email after applying for status updates and next steps. We look forward to another year of educational opportunity for your child.

Thank you,

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Communications

Subject: Your student's 2024-25 FTC scholarship payment

Date: 02/03/2025

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program &
Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Funds have recently been added to your student's Private School Scholarship account, through the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) program, for the 2024-25 school year.

Please note: A student's available balance may take some time to reflect funding. Also, do not be alarmed if your student's available balance displays as \$0.00. This is because your quarterly funds are reserved for your student's tuition and fees per your acceptance of your student's private school enrollment in EMA.

Next Step (new for the 2024-25 school year):

Your student's school will initiate your student's quarterly payment by approving an invoice within their account in EMA.

Before your student's payment can be sent to the school, you will need to approve or deny the quarterly scholarship payment. You will receive a notification when it is time to log in to your EMA account to review the invoice. Once you receive the notification, please complete this process quickly.

Education Savings Account (ESA) Spending

The FTC/FES-EO programs are education savings accounts (ESAs), giving families even more flexibility in how to use their student's scholarships. Any remaining funds, **after paying for tuition and fees**, may be accessed through an ESA.

When at least one student has received funds, the family will have access to additional ESA sections within EMA for spending.

Here is what you can expect within your EMA account:



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Scholarship Overview

FES-UA: Students from age 3 through grade 12 or age 22, whichever comes first, who have a specific diagnosis or have an IEP.

FTCFES-EO: You can use 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.

FTCPEP: 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 FTC/FES-EO 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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Click the link or scan the QR code
below to review the required
application documents.



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:

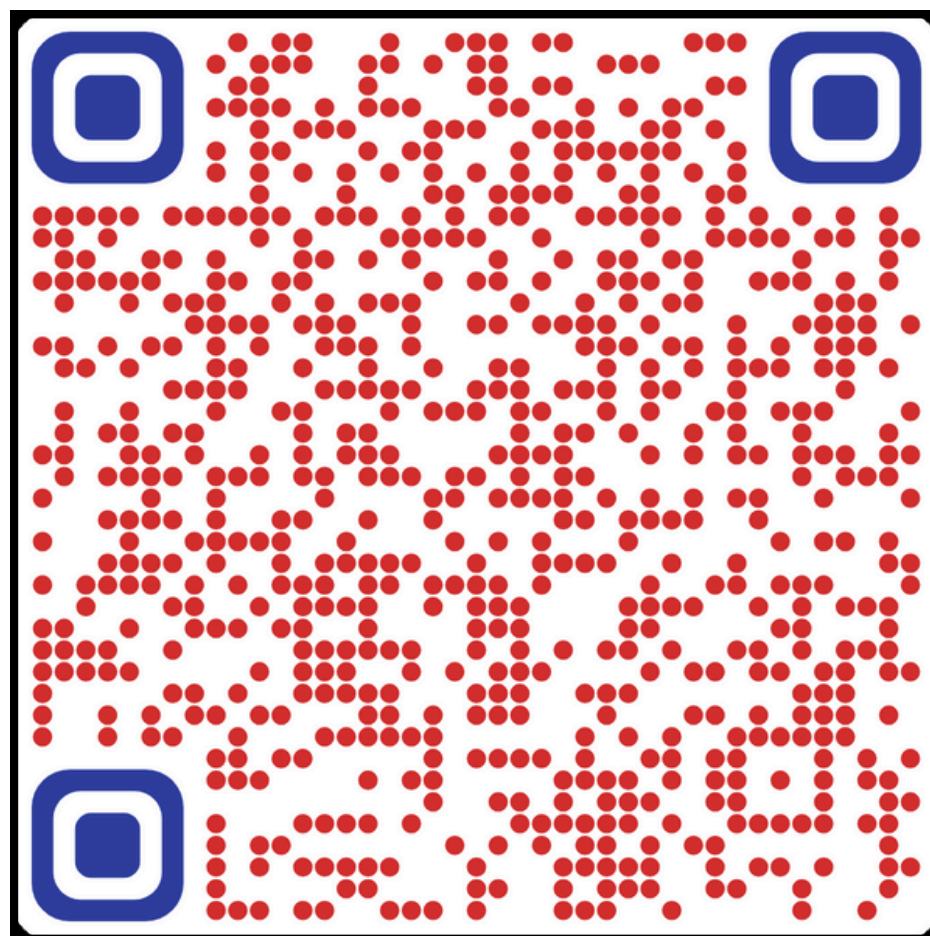
Additional documentation may be necessary for certain Unique Abilities Scholarship (FES-UA) applications. If your student previously qualified for the FES-UA scholarship under one of the following categories, you must submit documentation to demonstrate the student qualifies under an eligible diagnosis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



[Renewal Application Process](#)



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Renewal Application Process

2025-2026

Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship, Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO), the Personalized Education Program (PEP) Scholarship

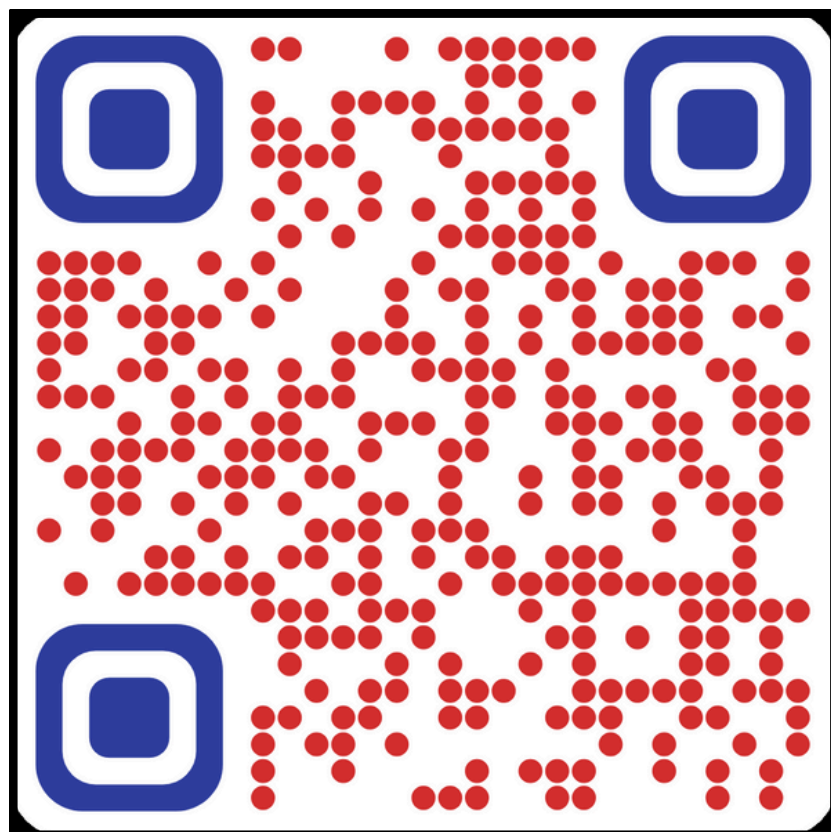




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Spanish

Haga clic en el enlace o escanee el código QR para una guía paso a paso para estudiantes de renovación



[Proceso de Solicitud de Renovación para la Beca FTC, FES-EO, PEP y la Beca Hope 2025-26](#)





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Switching to Another Scholarship

If you want to switch from a Private School Scholarship (FTC/FESE0) to a Personalized Education Program (FTCPEP), or vice-versa, do not decline your scholarship and call us at 1-877-735-7837 to request this switch.

If you want to switch from the FTC/FES-E0/PEP scholarship program to another scholarship please decline the scholarship, the student will be removed from the FTC/FES-E0/PEP scholarship program and will be eligible to apply for other scholarships.



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Enrollment Process For Parents/Guardians 2025-2026





Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Identifying next steps...

After a student is awarded, the enrollment cycle begins. Schools and scholarship families must work together to ensure that the following steps are taken:

1. **Schools** must set up their 2025 – 2026 profile in EMA.
2. **Parent(s)/Guardian(s)** must locate the student's award ID and submit it to their eligible school of choice.
3. **Schools** will use the award ID to enroll students in EMA.
4. **Parent(s)/Guardian(s)** will be prompted in EMA to accept the enrollment request and approve scholarship payments. Schools must confirm student admission and parents must approve each payment to schools before scholarship funds may be transferred from the student's account by the SFO.



Scholarship Portal

← Child Seven

Apply For Scholarship

Open St

Student Profile	EDIT
Student ID	21007992
Name	Child Seven
DOB	10/10/2010
Gender	Male
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino
Race	N/A
Relationship To You	Son
Student FLEID number	
Additional Details	

Current Funds Available
FES-EO
\$0.00

Applications
FES-EO (25-26) Awarded
Award ID: 5110423 ⓘ
Program Award Amount: \$7,612.00 ⓘ

To find a student's Award ID on the parent/guardian dashboard:

1. Log in to your EMA Account.
2. Go to the "My Students" section on the Guardian Dashboard or click the "My Students" menu.
 - Award IDs change yearly.
 - If not awarded, the Award ID shows as "Pending."
3. For more than three students, click "View All" to see all students.

4. Update Alert: EMA enables printing of student details, including "Award ID."

- Find the "Print Award ID" button in the "My Students" tab.
 - Click to print or save the information to your computer.
5. Provide the Award ID to the participating school for student enrollment completion.



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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.

A screenshot of the Scholarship Portal interface. The top navigation bar includes the EMA logo, the title "Scholarship Portal", and user notification icons. The left sidebar contains a menu with "Dashboard", "Reimbursements", "My Students", "Recent Transactions", and "Help". The main content area has three action buttons: "Apply For Scholarship", "Open Student Learning Plan", and "New Reimbursement". Below these is a "Student Profile" section with an "EDIT" button and fields for Student ID (20009667), Name (TestKH Test), DOB (6/15/2018), Gender (Male), Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino), Race (Black or African American), Relationship To You, and Student FLEID number. To the right, the "Current Funds Available" section shows "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts" with a balance of "\$0.00". Below that, the "Applications" section lists "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts" with a status of "Funded" and an "Award ID: 20001636". A red arrow points from the "My Students" menu item to the Student ID field. A blue arrow points from the "Award ID" field to the "Award ID" text.

Award ID:

Give this number to an eligible private school of your choice. They will use this number to enroll your student.



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Let's go over the latest improvements that have been made to the parent experience.

Two New Sections:

- Action Items
- My Students

A screenshot of the EMA Scholarship Portal interface. The page has a dark blue header with the "EMA Education Market Assistant" logo and the text "Scholarship Portal". A left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, My Students, Expenditure Requests, Marketplace, Reimbursements, Pre-Authorizations, Recent Transactions, and Help. The main content area is divided into two sections. The top section, titled "provider test", contains a red-bordered box labeled "Action Items" with a plus icon, a checkmark icon, and the text "No Action Items" and "All urgent matters have been taken care of.". The bottom section, titled "My Students", contains a red-bordered box labeled "My Students" and a table of student applications. The table has three columns: "Pacific Whale", "Lucky Dog", and "No Applications Yet.". The "Pacific Whale" and "Lucky Dog" columns show application details for "FES-EO (25-26)" and "FES-UA (25-26)" respectively, both marked as "Awarded". The "No Applications Yet." column shows a "No Applications Yet." message. Each row in the table has a "VIEW STUDENT" button.



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Action Items:

In EMA are items that require guardian attention to ensure the student's scholarship is compliant.

Clicking on the line item takes the parent/guardian directly to the corresponding section.

Dashboard

★ Action Items

Update "On Hold" FES-UA Application >

Update "On Hold" Reimbursement #2093212 for [redacted] >



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Student on the Parent/Guardian Dashboard

Parents/guardians can use this section to keep track of their child's application and enrollment status. The Award ID, the name of your child's school, and the amount of their program award can be viewed. This will give you a fresh perspective on your child's academic progress.

It's important to note that the program award amount reflects the amount that the student was awarded, not the amount currently available.

FES-EO (25-26) Awarded

Award ID:

Program Award Amount:

\$7,612.00

FES-UA (24-25) Funded

Award ID:

Program Award Amount:

\$10,000.00

★ Enrolled in EMA with YIN YANG ACADEMY (8/21/24)

VIEW STUDENT



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Please Note:

You can only view your students available funds by going to the "My Students" page.




Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

New Families



 Dashboard

 My Students

 Recent Transactions

 Help

Locating a student award ID

Locate a student's Award ID under the "My Students" tab in the menu. This menu will display all the students listed on the account.

Select "View Student" at the bottom of the student box.

Renewal Families



 Dashboard

 Reimbursements

 My Students

 Marketplace

 Recent Transactions

 Help



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

My Students [VIEW ALL →](#)

<p>Child Seven</p> <p>FES-EO (25-26) Awarded</p> <p> Award ID: Matrix Score: Pending </p> <p> Program Award Amount: \$7,612.00 </p> <p>VIEW STUDENT</p>	<p>Child Six</p> <p>FES-UA (25-26) Awarded</p> <p> Award ID: Matrix Score: Pending </p> <p> Program Award Amount: \$34,466.00 </p> <p>VIEW STUDENT</p>	<p>Child Five</p> <p>No Applications Yet.</p> <p>VIEW STUDENT</p>
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You can now view student details at a glance, similar to the dashboard view.
If you wish to view more details, select **View Student**.



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Please Note:

Each student will have their own information box displaying application details, such as the:

- Award ID
- Program Award Amount
- Current Funds Available
- Student Status
- Enrollment Information

FES-EO (25-26)

Awarded

Award ID: 51 [redacted] ⓘ

Program Award Amount: \$7,612.00 ⓘ

FES-UA (24-25)

Funded

Award ID: [redacted] ⓘ


Program Award Amount: \$10,000.00 ⓘ

★ Enrolled in EMA with YIN YANG ACADEMY (8/21/24)

[VIEW STUDENT](#)



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

EMA
Education Market Assistant

Dashboard

My Students

Expenditure Requests

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Help

Scholarship Portal

Green Peeps

PRINT AWARD ID

Apply For Scholarship

Open Student Learning Plan

Student Profile

EDIT

Student ID

2000

Name

Green Peeps

DOB

9/1/2019

Gender

Male

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic or Latino

Race

Asian

Relationship To You

Son

Student FLEID number

Additional Details

Current Funds Available

FES-UA

\$0.00

Applications

FES-UA (25-26)

Awarded

Award ID: 840

Matrix Score: Pending

Program Award Amount: \$34,466.00

VIEW APPLICATION

New Worlds Scholarship Accounts (23-24)

Awarded

Award ID: Pending

Program Award Amount: Pending

VIEW APPLICATION

Enrollments

SCHOOL YEAR	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	GRADE	GUARDIAN APPROVAL DATE	START DATE	END DATE	TOTAL TUITION	STATUS
2025-2026	Raccon academy inc	FES-UA	4	1/27/2025	8/26/2025		\$950.00	Enrolled

The student details have been updated into three sections.

I.Student Profile

II.Applications

III.Enrollments



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Student Profile

The Student Profile section allows you to quickly view and update basic student information.

Student Profile		EDIT
Student ID	<input type="text"/>	
Name	<input type="text"/>	
DOB	11/23/2014	
Gender	Female	
Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic or Latino	
Race	White, Black or African American	
Relationship To You	Daughter	



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians



Scholarship Portal



← Child Seven

PRINT AWARD ID

Apply For Scholarship

Open Student Learning Plan

Student Profile

EDIT

Student ID 21007
Name Child Seven
DOB 10/10/2010
Gender Male
Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino
Race N/A
Relationship To You Son
Student FLEID number
Additional Details

Current Funds Available

FES-EO
\$0.00

Applications

FES-EO (25-26) Awarded
Award ID: 511
Program Award Amount: \$7,612.00

VIEW APPLICATION

Student Details – Applications

The Applications section provides a quick overview of your student's status, including their Award ID, Program Award Amount, Current Available Funds, and application details accessible by selecting View Application.



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Scholarship Portal

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Dashboard

My Students

Recent Transactions

Help

Action Items

No Action Items
All urgent matters have been taken care of.

My Recent Applications

[View All →](#)

2025-2026: FES-UA

COMPLETE >

2025-2026: FTC

COMPLETE >

From the Dashboard, choose ‘**View All**’ to see the history of all applications. You can search history by toggling the different scholarship tabs at the top of the page.

Scholarship Portal

Dashboard

My Students

Recent Transactions

Help

New Worlds

FTC/FES-EO

FES-UA

Transportation

FES-UA Applications

	APPLICATION ID	TYPE	STATUS	SCHOOL YEAR	SUBMIT DATE
▶	2035	New	Complete	2025-2026	01/06/2025
▶	200	New	Submitted	2023-2024	05/12/2023



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Enrollments

SCHOOL YEAR	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	GRADE	GUARDIAN APPROVAL DATE	START DATE	END DATE	TOTAL TUITION	STATUS
2025-2026	Racoon academy inc	FES-UA	4	1/27/2025	8/26/2025		\$950.00	Enrolled

Student Details – Enrollments

The Enrollments section provides you with information about your student's enrollment status, including the school year, school name, program, grade, start and end date, total tuition amount, and current enrollment status.

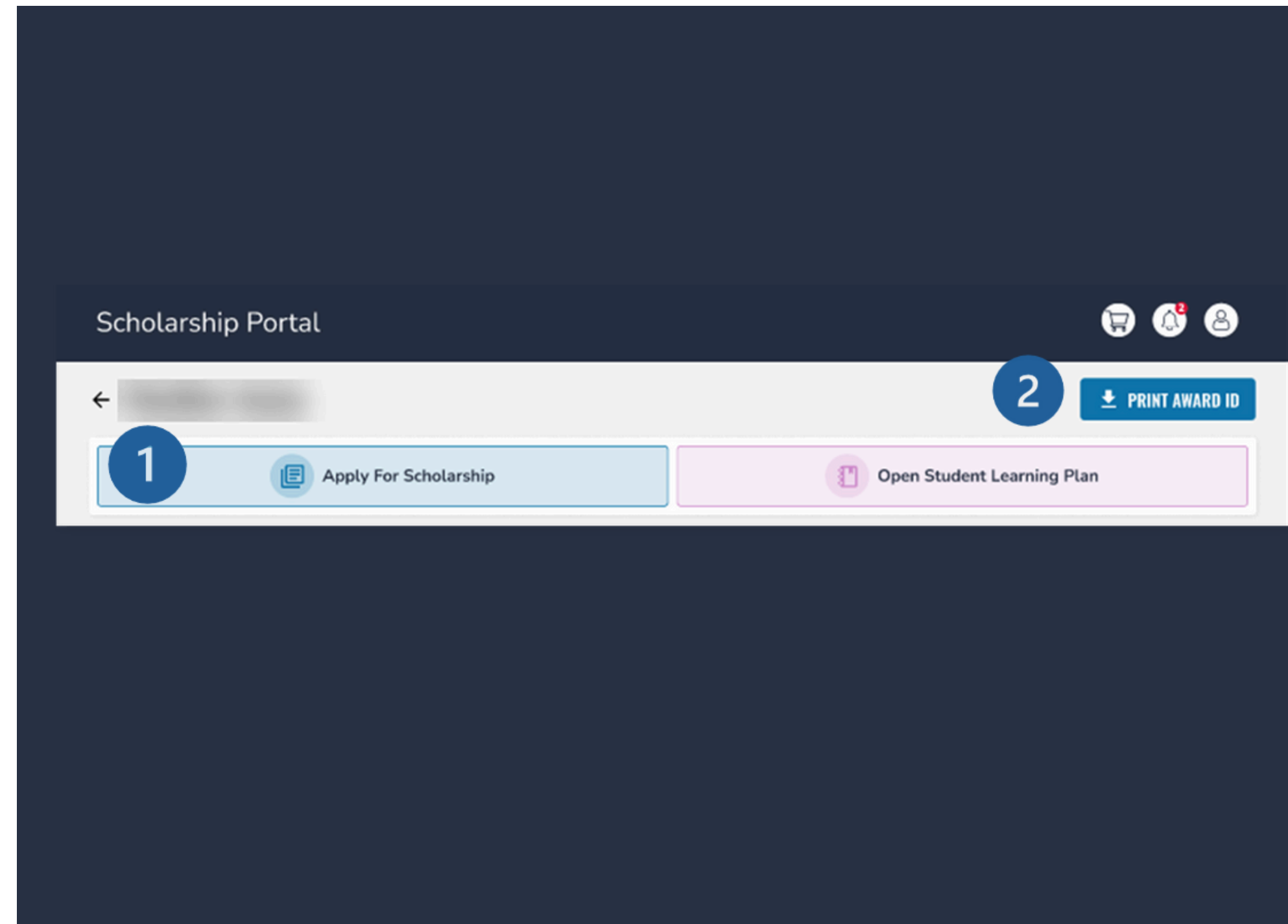


Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

You will now notice two key options above your student details: "Apply For Scholarship" and "Print Award ID."

By selecting "[Apply For Scholarship](#)," you will be directed to the Available Scholarship section of the Dashboard.

Furthermore, if a parent needs an award letter, they can click on "[Print Award ID](#)" to obtain one.





Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Accepting the enrollment request

Once the private school has enrolled your student in EMA, you will receive a notification to log in to your account and review the request. You will be able to see your student's start date, annual tuition amount, any discounts applied, and the total amount due to the school.

Please check the corresponding circle to either Confirm Enrollment or Decline Enrollment then select the submit button.

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Enrollment Requests NEW

Please review the pending enrollment request(s) for your student(s) below. Enrollment in the EMA platform is required for FTC/FES-EO private school scholarship students. Enrollment in the EMA platform is necessary for direct payment to schools for FES-UA scholarship students.

2025-2026

Green Peeps,
Raccon Academy Inc

Start Date: 8/26/2025
 Annual Tuition & Fees: \$2,706.00
 Discount: N/A ⓘ
 Amount Due To School: \$2,706.00 ⓘ

If the Amount Due to School equals your total annual obligation to the school (which includes the scholarship and out-of-pocket payments), please confirm enrollment. Note: If the Amount Due to School is higher than the student's annual award amount, only the total award amount will be paid to the school through EMA.

If the Amount Due to School (including your obligations beyond the scholarship award) is not correct OR if your student will not attend this school, please decline enrollment.

- ☐ Confirm Enrollment
☐ Decline Enrollment

SUBMIT



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Confirm Enrollment

After selecting **Confirm Enrollment**, a pop-up will appear asking you if you are sure you want to continue with the action. Please review the information one last time before moving forward. Should you wish to change your decision and Decline Enrollment, choose ‘Cancel’ to go back to the previous screen.

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Are you sure you want to enroll?

By confirming enrollment, the Amount Due to School OR the student's annual scholarship amount, whichever is less, will be reserved from your student's scholarship account for payment to the selected private school.

Funds will be distributed on a quarterly basis. Please see the examples below:

Example 1: Tuition & Fees are lower than award amount				
AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL	STUDENT'S AWARD AMOUNT	AMOUNT EMA WILL RESERVE FOR SCHOOL PAYMENT	REMAINING AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL (OUT-OF-POCKET)	REMAINING AWARD AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES
\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

Example 2: Tuition & Fees are higher than award amount				
AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL	STUDENT'S AWARD AMOUNT	AMOUNT EMA WILL RESERVE FOR SCHOOL PAYMENT	REMAINING AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL (OUT-OF-POCKET)	REMAINING AWARD AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES
\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00

If your student's scholarship amount is less than the Amount Due to School, you are responsible for any additional financial obligations beyond the student's annual award amount.

If this amount is not correct or if your student will not attend this school, please select cancel and then decline enrollment.

YOUR STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

SCHOOL YEAR	STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	REQUEST DATE	ANNUAL TUITION	DISCOUNT	AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL
2025-2026	Green Peeps	Raccon Academy Inc	02/04/2025	\$2,706.00		\$2,706.00

CANCEL

CONFIRM ENROLLMENT



Enrolling Students in EMA For Parents/Guardians

Decline Enrollment

After selecting **Decline Enrollment**, a pop-up will appear asking you if you are sure you want to continue with the action. Please review the information one last time before moving forward.

Should you wish to change your decision and **Confirm Enrollment**, choose ‘**Cancel**’ to go back to the previous screen.

If you decline enrollment due to an incorrect amount or another concern, the school will have to redo the process and send a new enrollment request. At this point you will need to review and confirm enrollment again.

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Are you sure you want to decline enrollment?

By declining enrollment, your student will not be enrolled in the requested private school in the EMA platform.

FTC/FES-EO private school scholarship students who are not enrolled in a private school in EMA will not be eligible for any scholarship funding; therefore, scholarship funds will not be reserved for payment to the private school. For FES-UA scholarship students, scholarship funds will not be reserved for or paid directly to the private school.

If you decline enrollment, the school may hold you responsible for any payment due for your student’s education. For FES-EO/FTC private school scholarship students, your student's scholarship status may be impacted by a failure to enroll in a private school in the EMA platform.

Your Student's Enrollment Information

SCHOOL YEAR	STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	REQUEST DATE	ANNUAL TUITION	DISCOUNT	AMOUNT DUE TO SCHOOL
2025-2026	Green Peeps	Raccon Academy Inc	02/04/2025	\$2,706.00		\$2,706.00

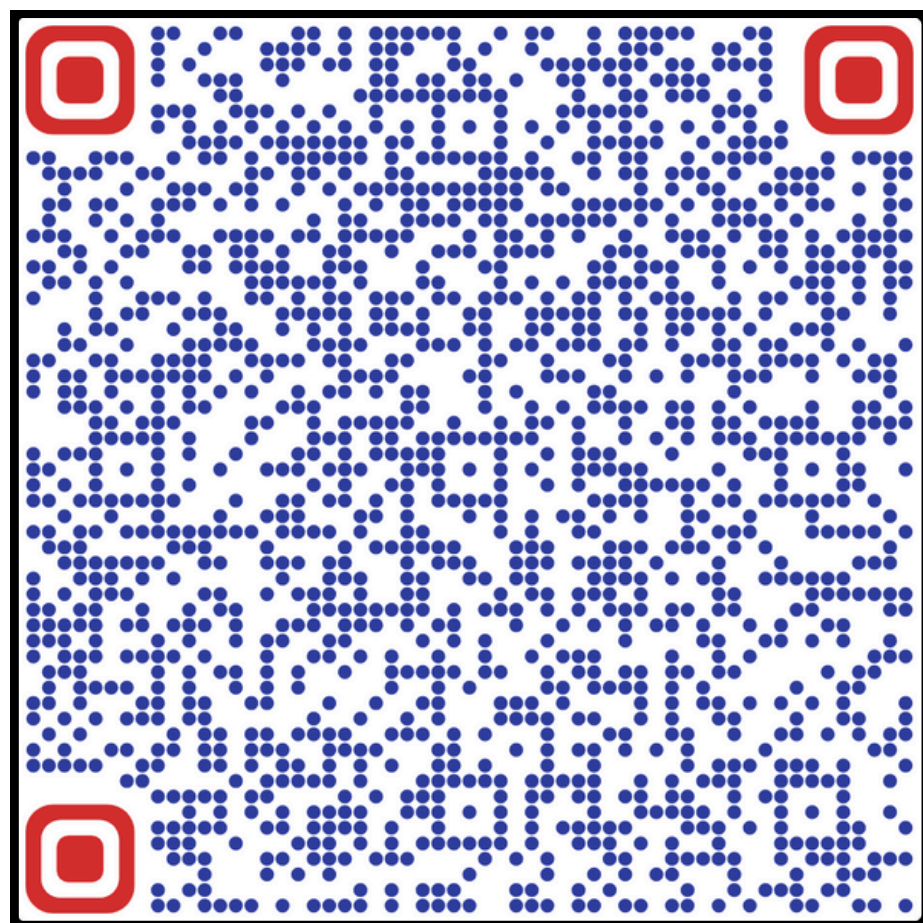
CANCEL

DECLINE ENROLLMENT



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Handbook Highlights



Updates to the

FTC/FES-EO Handbook

School Choice Scholarship Programs (FES-EO, FTC, FTCPEP)

- Parent Handbook
 - Added a description of what happens if SUFS funds student accounts in error
 - Added 25-26 application window dates
 - Updated link to the standardized testing exemption form
 - Added link to DOE's Virtual Instruction Provider approval process
 - Added statement about interest accrual in student accounts
 - Added instructions for out-of-state military families who do not have a FL residential address to use their military base address in EMA for applications
 - Changed required format for listing purchase dates
 - Clarified that students who have aged out of the scholarship may continue to spend remaining funds until they are gone



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Handbook Highlights

Funding Continuation and Rollover

A student's unspent scholarship funds may be rolled over from one school year to the next. However, under Florida law, Step Up For Students cannot transfer funds into the student's scholarship account that would raise the balance above \$24,000.





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What is *my* **ScholarSHOP** ?

Benefits of the MyScholarShop

- MyScholarShop vendors are paid directly through your child's scholarship account with no out-of-pocket costs.
- No reimbursement paperwork is needed.

How Does MyScholarShop Work? "Pick it, Click it, and Ship it"

Search for what you need as you would on any online store and find the items you want. Mark them as a favorite for later, and check them out when you're ready. MyScholarShop will do the rest, including checking to ensure you have available funds. Don't forget to verify your shipping address before checking out!

You are not obligated to use MyScholarShop. You can purchase pre-approved instructional materials and curricula directly from vendors and then apply for reimbursement.



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MyScholarShop New Vendor Alert



Company Name	Description of Services	Website
	Christian Homeschool Curriculum from the Heart Featuring open-and-go daily plans, living books, and fun hands-on activities with God's Word at the heart, our award-winning Christian homeschool curriculum will take you all the way from preschool through high school. With Heart of Dakota, you'll love learning again!	https://heartofdakota.com/
	The Good and the Beautiful was founded by a homeschool mother who wanted to find beauty, joy, and powerful academics in homeschool, but was becoming overwhelmed and finding that no curriculum was working the way she had hoped. As a professional writer herself, and with the resources to pull in a group of experts, and a vision of what homeschool curriculum could be, she began creating her own curriculum. Now The Good and the Beautiful is a team of over 70 writers, experts, reviewers, educators, and editors that are working daily on the goals of making homeschool: Easy, Beautiful, Affordable, Academically Solid, Character-Building and Joyful.	https://www.goodandbeautiful.com/pre-k-8-curriculum/



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MyScholarShop New Vendor Alert



Company Name	Description of Services	Website
	Faith-based Stories for Children. Have peace of mind knowing you're building your children's character and conviction with BRAVE Books. Why BRAVE Books are Different? Brave Books- Strengthen convictions: Every book teaches a different faith-based value Unite families: Every book includes multiple activities and discussion questions to reinforce the lesson. High quality: Every book is tested with real families to ensure the best lessons and highest quality stories in the industry. Ignite imaginations: The series keeps young readers coming back to explore more of The Freedom Island Universe and its characters.	https://bravebooks.us/
	Unlock Your Child's Entrepreneurial Spirit A Business Of The Month Challenge Box Designed to Inspire Our Children with Capitalist Principles. With Futurepreneur, Your Child Gets All of This Delivered to Their Door! Kids, Business Plan Booklet, Engaging guide for young entrepreneurs' startups. Futurepreneur covers market research, budgeting, branding, sales, and more, In your monthly box your child will receive Fun Tools in Each business box with educational tools your young entrepreneur will use to start their business, A Mentor Guide with Tips on how to support your child on this journey of business ownership, Supporting A Video Guide with tutorial videos for extra support as they go through each business challenge. And advice for parents and mentors!	https://futurepreneur.com/



FTC/FES-EO

MyScholarShop Resources



Welcome to
**my
ScholarSHOP**

NAVIGATING MyScholarShop In EMA

Navigating MyScholarShop
in EMA



PARENTS: FINDING PROVIDERS &
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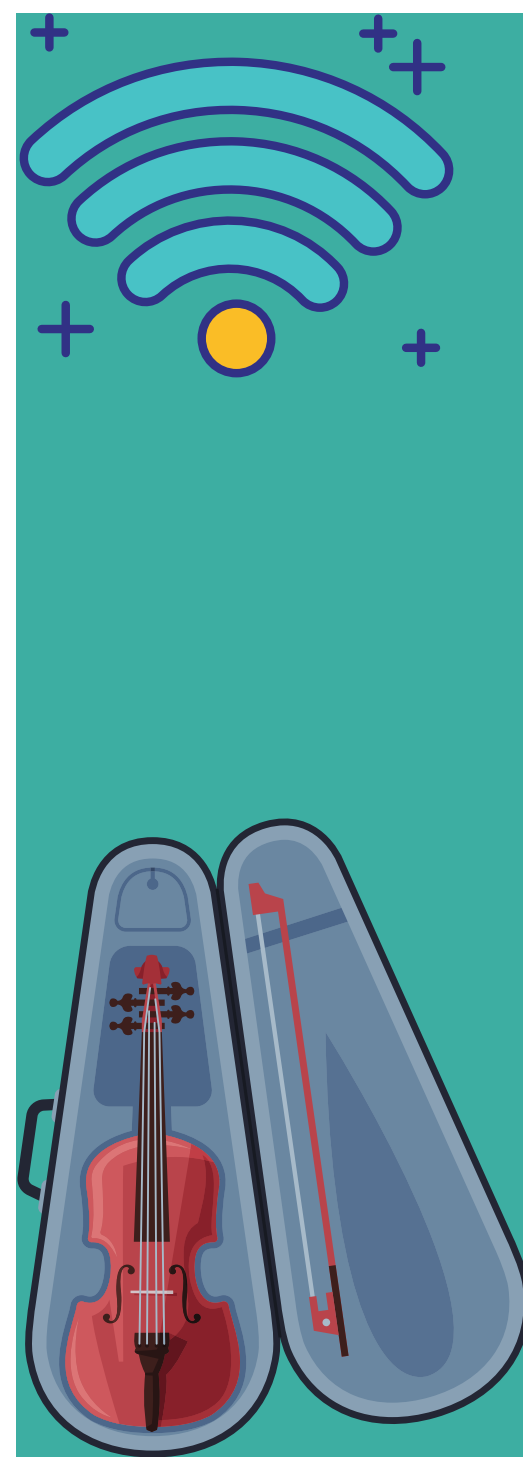


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Purchasing Guide Hot Topics



Musical Instruments

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**Wi-Fi / Internet
Services**





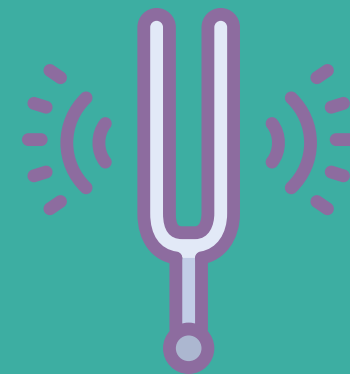
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Eligible Musical Instruments & Equipment Items

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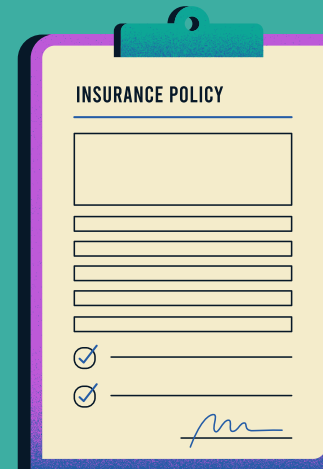
Musical Instruments
(Purchase & Rental)



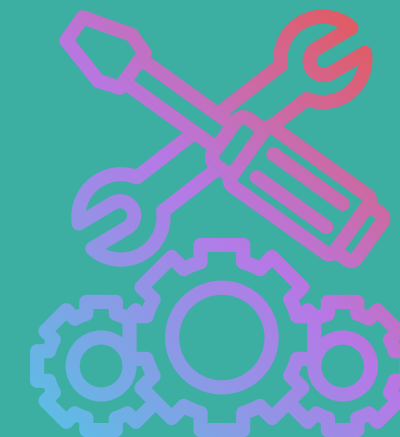
Instrument Tuning



Musical Instrument Accessories



Instrument Insurance



Repair of instruments



Instrument Maintenance



Instrument Service agreements



Step Up For Students

Wi-Fi And Internet Services



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Wi-Fi & Internet Services What's Covered?

- In-home internet services including Mobile Hot Spot at the Florida residential address associated with their student's scholarship application.
- Modem or router rental from the internet service provider and billed with a monthly internet service is also eligible.



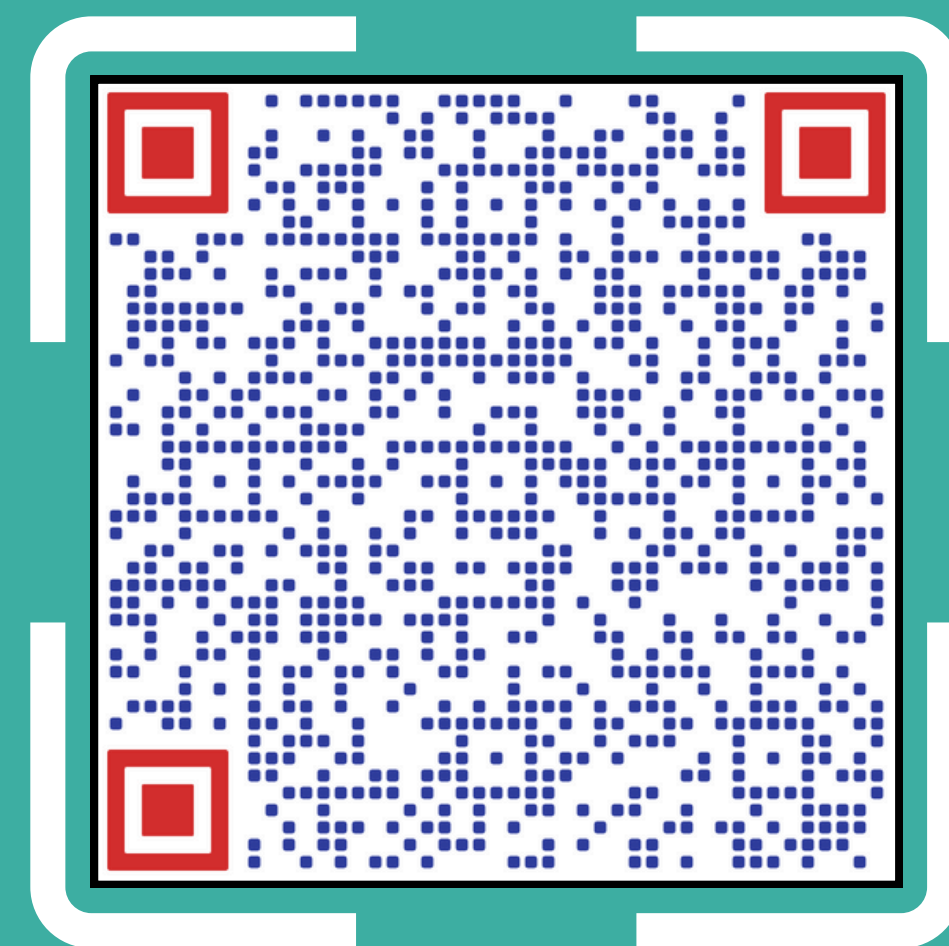
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A step by step guide to submitting a
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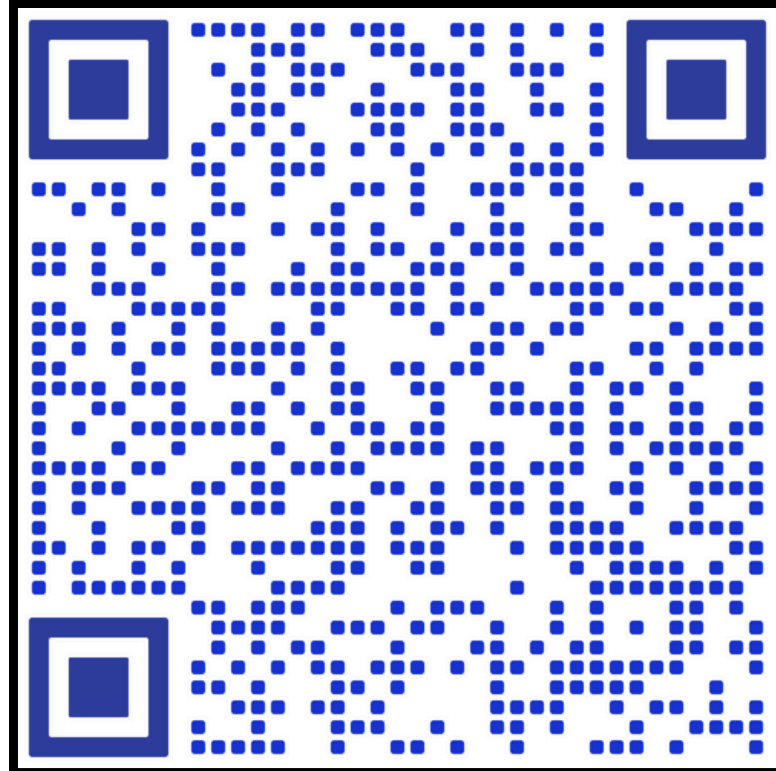
[Guardians Reimbursement Guide](#)



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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):

Music Lessons

What is the Educational Benefit of this item?

Music Lessons allow the student to be an all around & Successful individual. It helps develop motor skills such as hand-eye coordination. Playing the bass allows the student to learn discipline, organizational skills, perserance & patience. Thease music lessons also help the student with dyslexia by improving his reading skills as well as improving social skills when he is learning with his class music lessons also help calm his tics/Tourette's Syndrome.

☒ 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:

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](#).

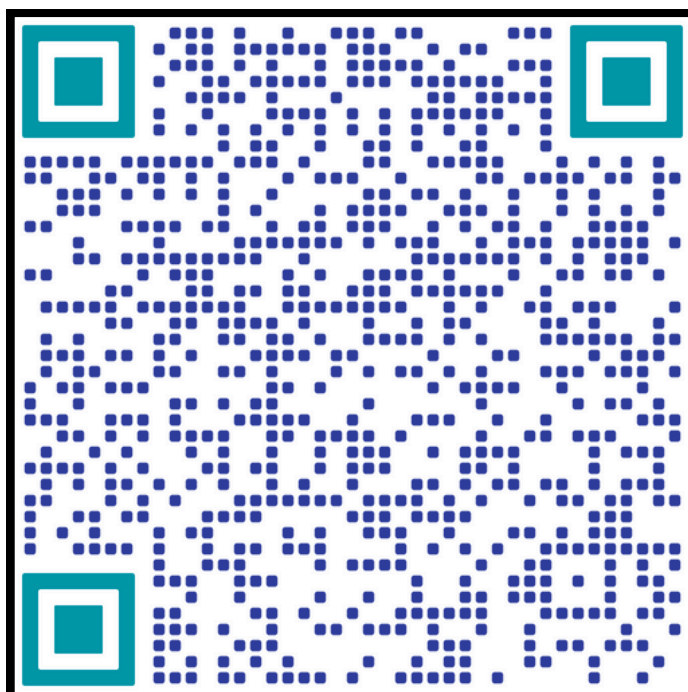


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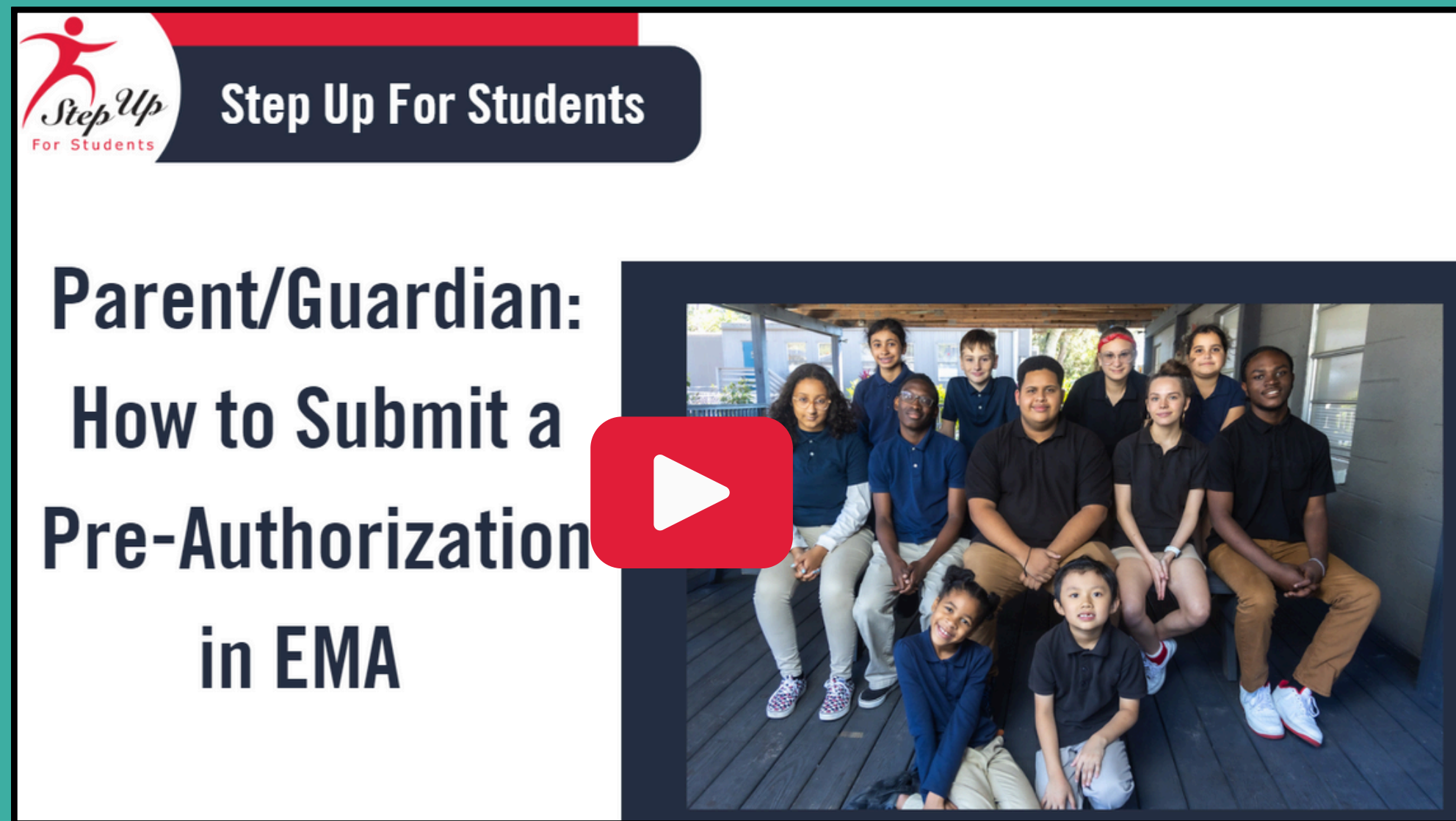
Pre-Authorization

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

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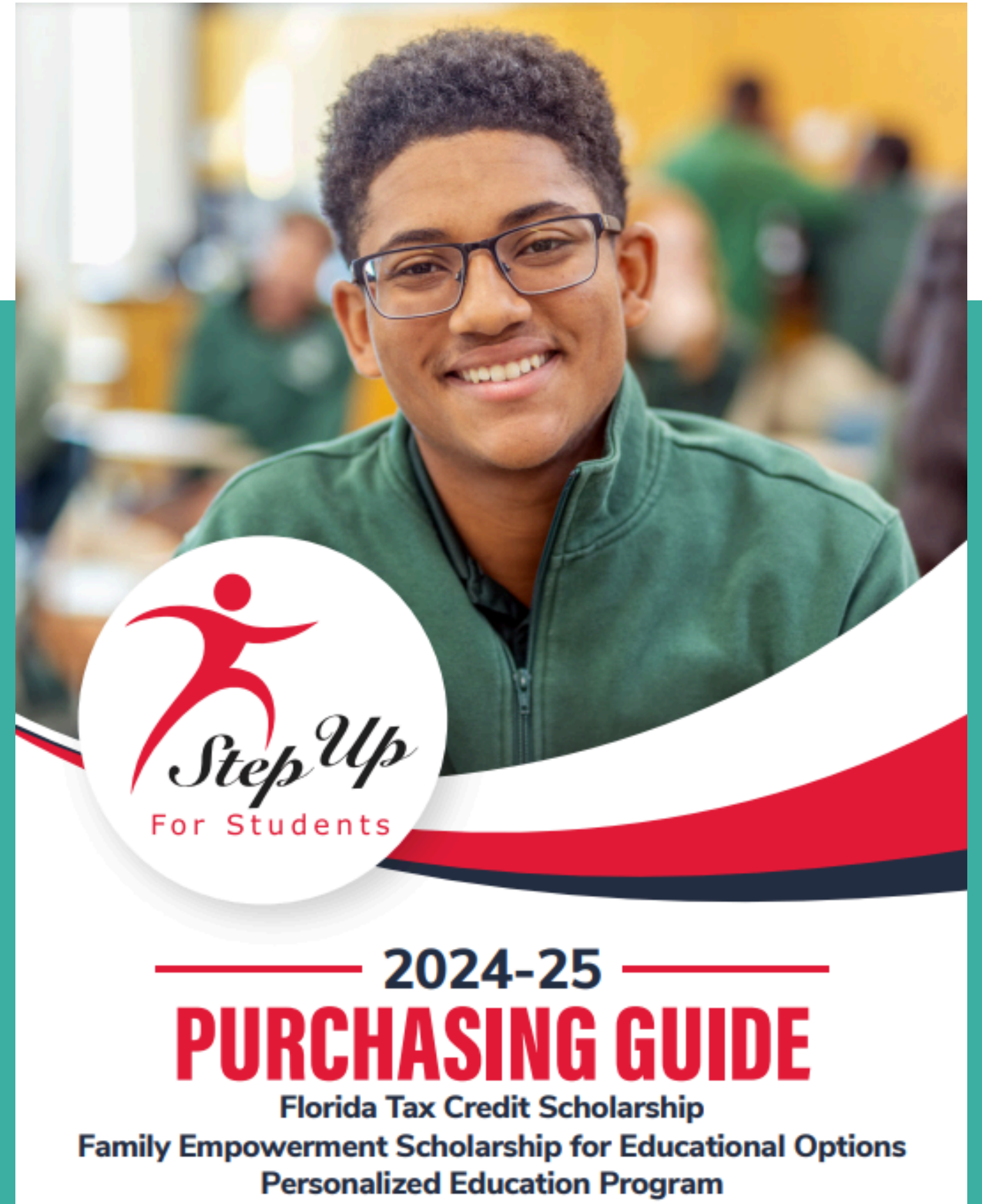


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2024-2025

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What's New in the 2024-2025 FTC/FES-EO Purchasing Guide?



NEW 2024-25 FTC/FES-EO/PEP PURCHASING GUIDELINES

As of August 1, 2024, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC), Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) and Personalized Education Program (PEP) Purchasing Guide is updated for the 2024-25 school year. Here's a breakdown of what is new or changed in the guide

What's new for you?

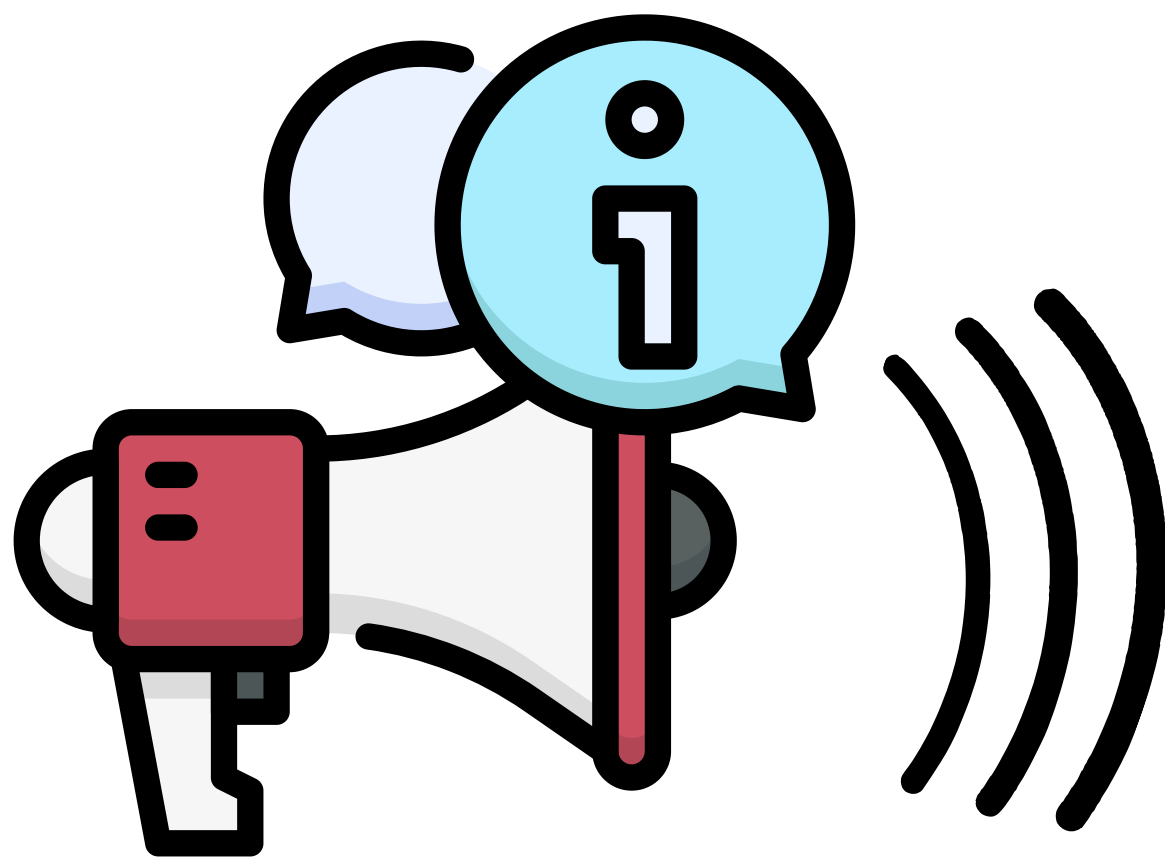
New items or services for purchase by our scholarship families	New items or services that require Pre-Authorization	New items or services requiring an Educational Benefit Form*
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavioral and/or educational applications• Dance lessons• Dance supplies (including footwear)• Digital or video-based sport instruction• Nintendo Wii © equipment or similar movement-based platforms• Specialized or sport-specific footwear• Two or three wheeled bicycles• Printer ink• Wax filament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple of a single At-Home Classroom Furnishings item that exceeds \$50• Multiple of a single elective item that exceeds \$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video/TV/online streaming services• Musical streaming services• In-game purchases or credits• Live television• Family or Multi-User software subscriptions

*The **Educational Benefit Form** was created to help guardians demonstrate the educational benefit of an item, product or service that supports their student's learning and education. [Click here to access the form.](#)



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Reimbursement Resources



 [What is an ESA?](#)

 [Families: Submitting Reimbursements in EMA](#)

 [Understanding Pre-Authorizations for Scholarship Families](#)

 [Parents: Finding Providers and Services in Marketplace](#)



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Handbook



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parent handbook is a useful resource for understanding how
to make the most of your scholarship funds.



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ATTENDANCE



Parents/guardians must adhere to the attendance policy set forth by their child's school, as outlined in the school's attendance policy. Step Up for Students does not establish or have influence over the attendance policies of participating eligible private schools. It is the responsibility of private schools to comply with the compulsory attendance regulations established by the Department of Education.

Statute: 1003.24



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Scholarship Funding Schedule

Scholarship funds are deposited into the student's scholarship account four times a year.

A Scholarship Funding Organization must verify a student's eligibility to participate in the program at least 30 days before receiving funding from the state.

Once the Florida Department of Education receives a verified list of eligible students from Step Up, the department will send scholarship funds quarterly on the following dates:

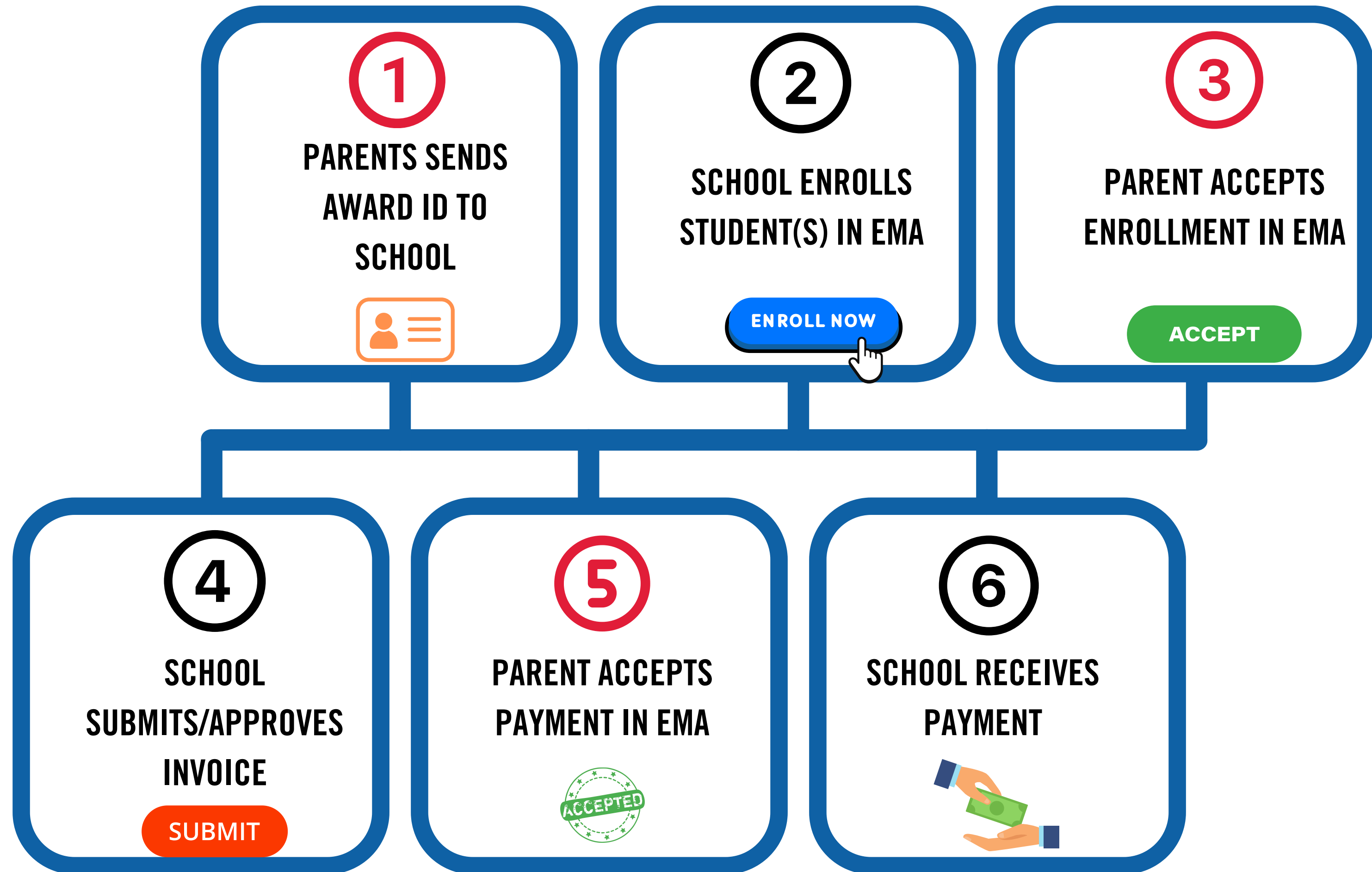


Enrollment or SLP deadline	Funds delivered to Step Up
June 30*	August 1*
July 26*	September 1*
September 15	November 1
December 15	February 1
February 15	April 1

* There are two funding dates for the first quarter.

For students enrolled full-time in an eligible private school, Step Up will make quarterly payments for tuition and fees within seven (7) business days after the school and parent have approved the payment. Step Up may sometimes provide supplemental funding to students who were not funded on the above schedule. Step Up will communicate this with those in this situation via email.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO ENROLLMENT WITH STEP UP?





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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. However we cannot answer student specific questions please reach out to our customer engagement center for student specific questions.





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Q: Are swim classes included in the scholarship, and what documentation is required?

A: Full-time students attending an eligible private school may utilize any remaining scholarship funds, after covering full-time tuition and fees, to enroll in individual classes or engage in extracurricular activities at another eligible private school. However, students must not register as full-time students at the other institution. Payments for each class or activity should be made through the school's EMA marketplace account or via reimbursement.

- Qualified expenses encompass: academic services, participation in athletics/clubs/activities, individual classes, and testing. Payments made to a private school not authorized by the Florida Department of Education to participate in a student's scholarship program are not eligible for reimbursement.**

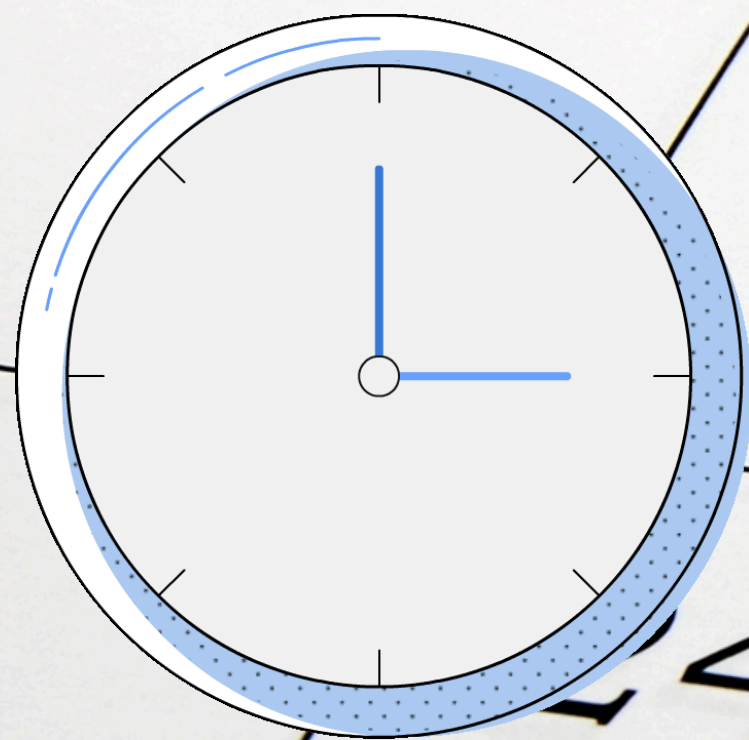


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Q: What distinguishes FTC and FES-EO scholarships? I have two children, and one has been switched to the FES-EO scholarship. Will this affect my renewal process? If so, what are the steps for renewal?

A: Both the FTC and the FES-EO scholarship enable families to cover private school tuition and fees, while any remaining funds can be used for other education-related expenses permitted by law. Movement between the two will not impact a student's renewal status.



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 15th

Unique Abilities: February 1-November 15th

PEP: February 1-April 30



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We would appreciate your input on the parent handbook.
Please click [here](#) to provide your feedback.



FTC/FES-EO/PEP Parent/Guardian Handbook Feedback 2024-25

Parent/Guardian First Name *

Parent/Guardian Last Name *

Parent/Guardian Email *

Please provide the email address associated with your EMA account.

Student ID *

If you have multiple students on an FTC/FES-EO/PEP Scholarship, only one Student ID is needed.

Did your family utilize the FTC/FES-EO/PEP Scholarship for the previous school year? *
(2023-24 school year or earlier)

How helpful did you find the FTC/FES-EO/PEP Parent/Guardian Handbook? *

1= Not helpful at all
5= Very helpful

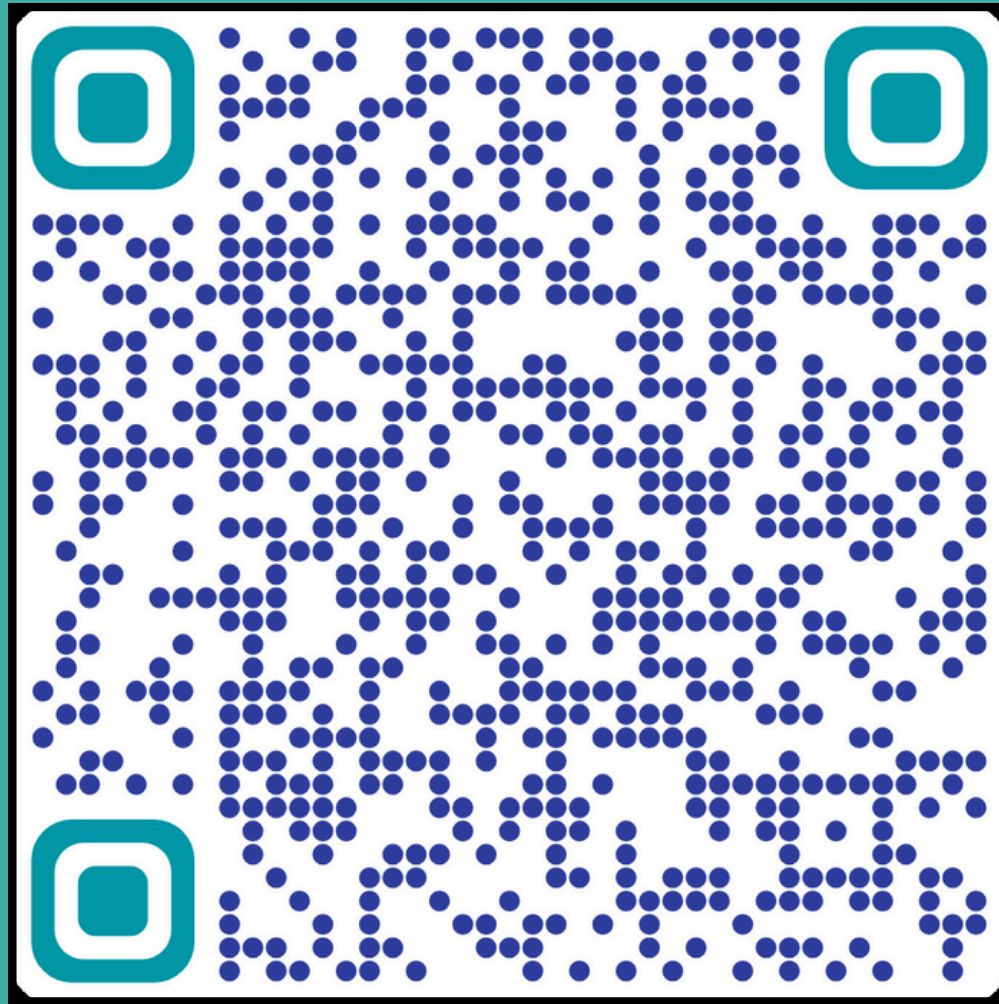
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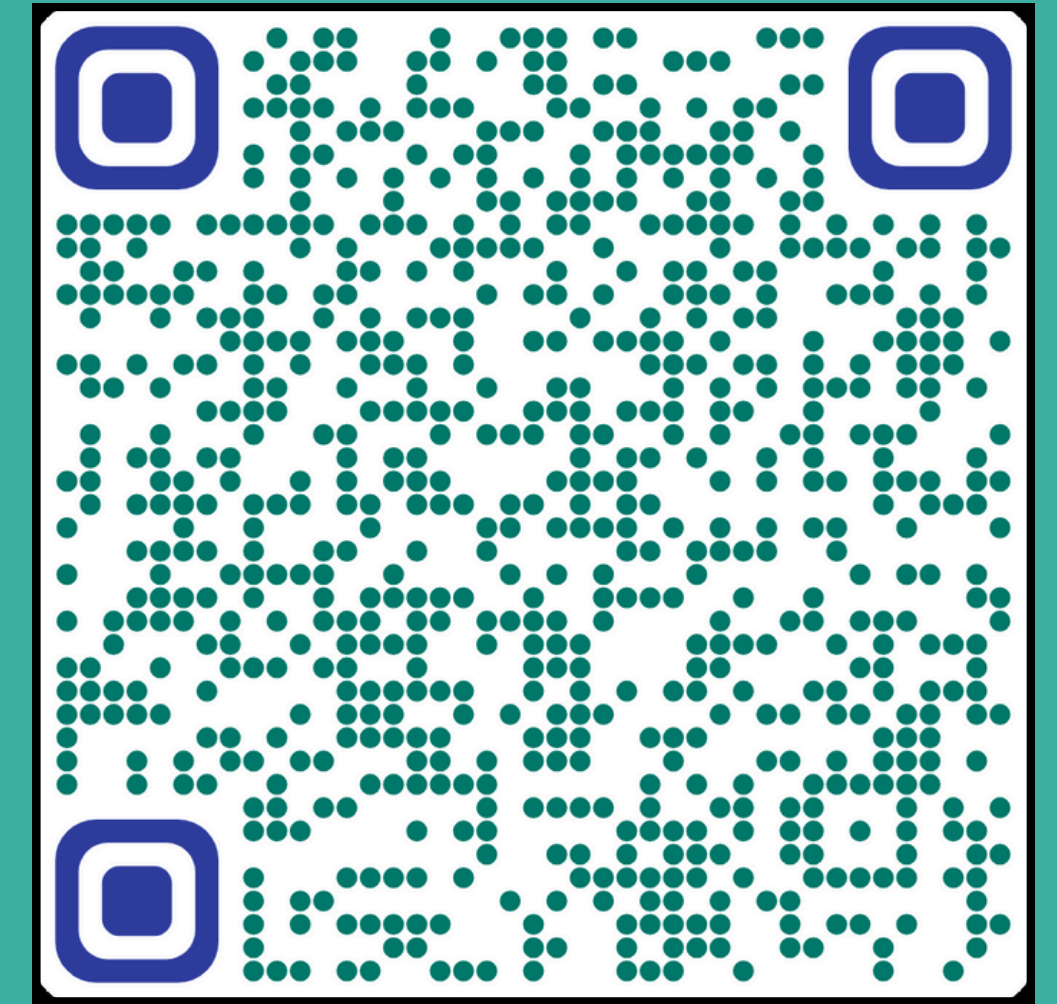
Previous FTC/EO Open Houses



[November Open House](#)



[December Open House](#)



[January Open House](#)



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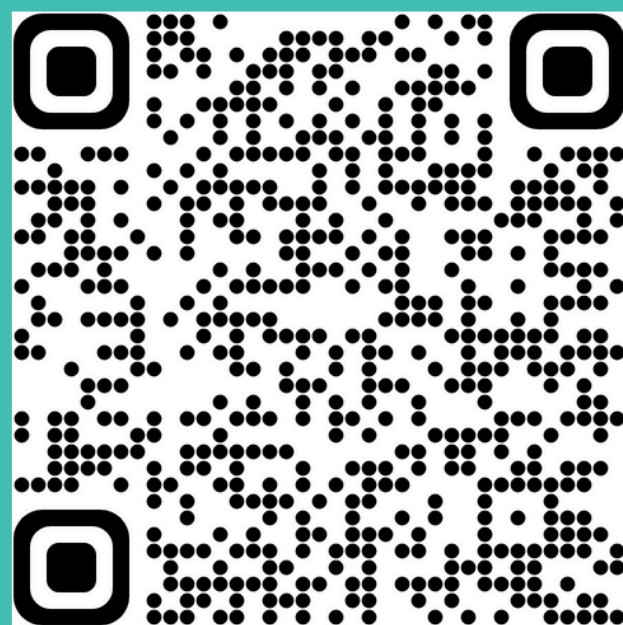
Looking Ahead: Here are the registration links for the upcoming FTC/EO, FES-UA, PEP, NWSA & Transportation Stipend Open Houses

**REGISTER
NOW!**



[New World Open House](#)

March 12, 2025



[FTC/FES-EO Open House](#)

March 13, 2025



[FES-UA Open House](#)

February 20, 2025



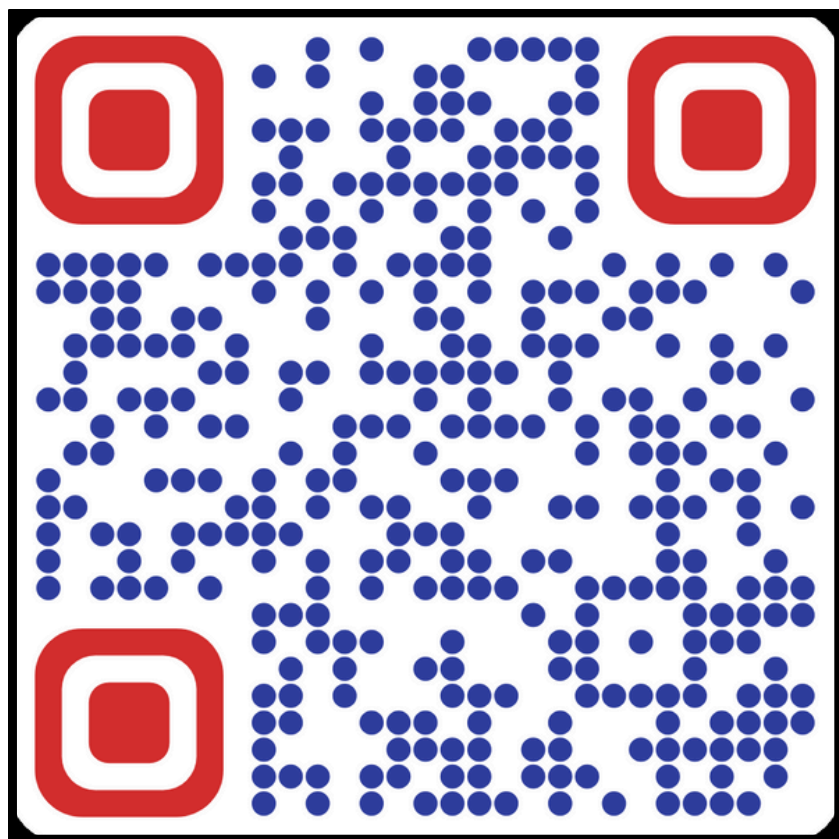
[PEP Open House](#)

February 27, 2025



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Thank you for attending!

Upcoming webinar: March 13th, 2025

[Registration Link](#)