



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

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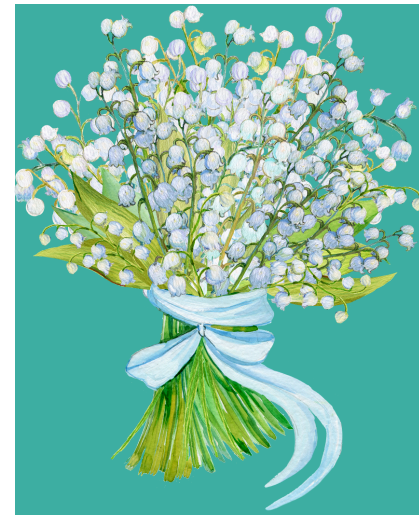
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Overview of Scholarship Programs

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

FTC/FES-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: Parent-directed learning 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 for K-8.



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**The FTC/FES-E0 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If you **decline** the scholarship, your student will be withdrawn from the scholarship program.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:

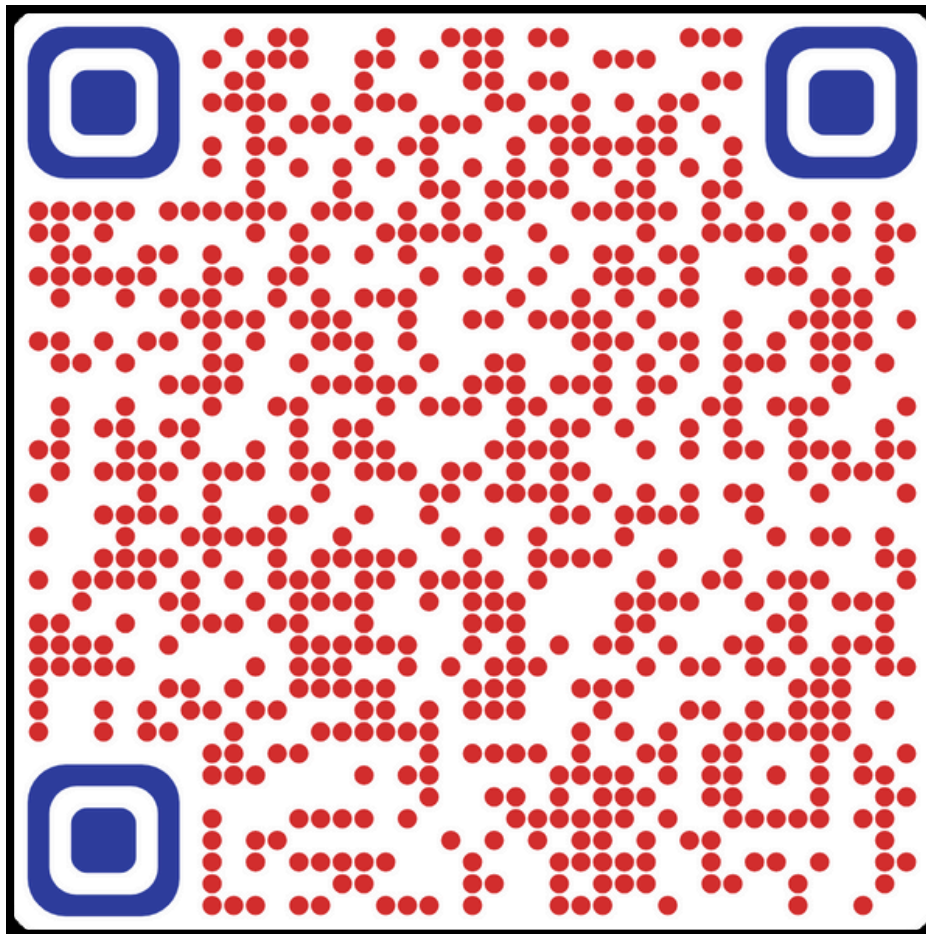
Additional documentation may be necessary for certain Unique Abilities Scholarship (FES-UA) applications. If your student previously qualified for the FES-UA scholarship under one of the following categories, you must submit documentation to demonstrate the student qualifies under an eligible diagnosis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



[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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What is *my* **ScholarSHOP** ?

Benefits of 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 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

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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



Wi-Fi /Internet Services Physical Education Sports Education



Wi-Fi And Internet Services



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.

Service Address

Susan Smith
5305 Sunshine Ln
JACKSONVILLE FL 32207-5002

Total due
\$116.97

Due Now: \$106.98

Account summary

Your last bill	\$106.98
Due Now	\$106.98

Service summary

Account charges	Page 2	\$106.98
Internet	Page 2	\$0.00
Total services - due Feb 04, 2024		\$106.98
Total due		\$116.97

Amount Requesting

Retailers Name

AT&T

Services Billed For & Dates Of Service

Service activity

Account charges

Activity since last bill

1. Late Payment Fee	Dec 11 - Jan 12	Jan 04	
Total for Account charges			\$106.98

Internet

Monthly charges

1. Internet 100 Stand-alone (Access from AT&T Residential Offer)	Jan 12 - Feb 12		\$106.98
2. Access Unlimited Usage Plan			\$0.00
Total for Internet			\$106.98

Usage summary

Data	Used
Data allowance (unlimited GB)	3,942

News you can use

It's easier with myAT&T! Make payments and payment arrangements, check your balance and usage, and get help. Manage your device, plan and features, shop, upgrade, and add lines. Visit att.com/myatandt.

Never miss another moment. Stay connected with those you love and save when you bundle AT&T internet and wireless. Don't let another moment pass you by. Learn more by calling us today at 800.955.2888.

"Hey Alexa, call Mom." Learn how to make handsfree calls from your Alexa devices. Just ask "Alexa, what is AT&T Calling?" or visit att.com/NumberSync.

Important information

Late payment fee
A late payment fee of up to \$8.99 will be assessed if payment is not received on or before the due date.

ACP support
If you have any questions or concerns about your Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) benefits, please call us at the AT&T ACP Center 888.986.2962.

Internet usage allowance
Unless your internet plan includes an unlimited data usage allowance, your total internet usage allowance will consist of your 15 terabyte (15 TB or 15,000 GB) plan usage allowance plus any additional offers. Exceeding your total internet usage allowance will result in a charge of \$10 for each additional 50 GB of data over 15 TB or less than 50 GB is consumed up to a maximum average charge of \$100 a month. Visit att.com/internet-usage to view details of your internet data usage.

Customer support

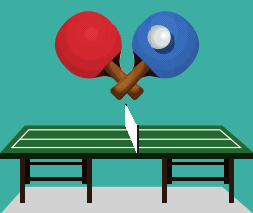
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Examples Of Approved Physical Education Expenses

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Ping Pong Table



Stand Up Paddleboard



Individual Exercise Trampoline



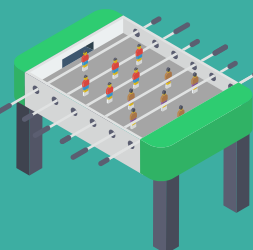
Air Hockey



Surfboard



Sports Equipment (Balls, Goals, Racquets, Etc.)



Foosball Table / Table Sports



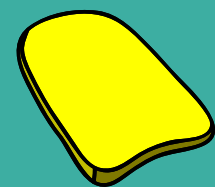
Kayak & Canoe



Gym/Fitness Memberships or Class Passes (for Student Only)



Basketball Shooting Game



Boogieboard & Skim Board



Skateboard



On Demand Fitness Classes



Swing Set



Sports Uniforms

****Adaptive exercise equipment is eligible with Pre-Authorization****



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Ineligible Physical Education Items

- Motorized equipment (treadmills or walking pads are eligible)
- Trampolines (individual exercise trampolines are eligible)
- Motorized Boats
- Motorized scooters or rideons (including golf carts)
- In-Ground or Above Ground Swimming Pools
- Single-admission leisure events (including equipment rental)
- Activities occurring outside of the state of Florida require a Pre-Authorization
- Pool Tables



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Important Items To Note

- Frequency of Purchase: Once every two (2) years; however, the devices may be eligible for replacement sooner with pre-authorization.
- Adaptive exercise equipment is eligible with pre-authorization.
- A pre-authorization is required for P.E. activities occurring outside of the State of Florida.

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Examples Of Approved Sports Education Activities

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Lacrosse



Football



Cheerleading



Gymnastics



Baseball



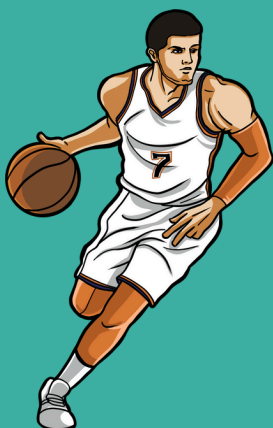
Tennis



Golf



Dance



Basketball



Soccer



Volleyball



Swimming



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Approved Sports Education

- Authorized P.E. expenses include sports lessons, fees, or equipment (subject to manufacturer's age recommendations).
- Sports lessons (including individual training or group trainings).
- Team fees (including registration, equipment rental, and competition fees).
- Dance competition are approved under the PE- Stand-alone athletic events category.



- Stand-alone athletic Event Fees (including foot or bike race registrations, endurance events, and Special Olympics Registrations).
- Gym/fitness memberships or “Class Passes” (for the student only), including on-demand fitness classes.
- Specialized or Sport Specific Footwear.

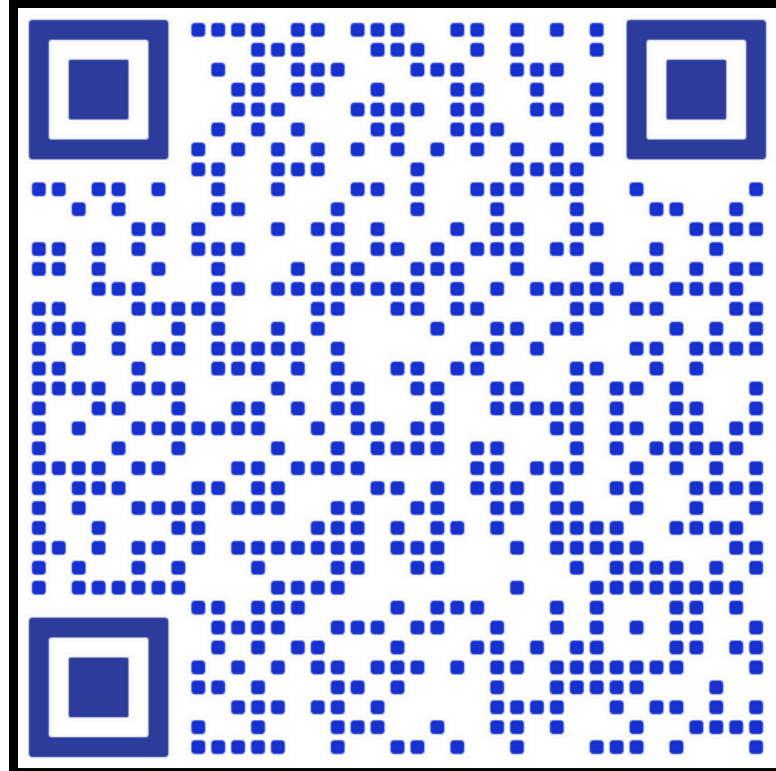




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Educational Benefit Form Explained

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 provide numerous educational benefits for Johnny. Playing the bass helps him develop motor skills, such as hand-eye coordination, while also fostering discipline and organizational abilities through consistent practice. Additionally, music training supports his reading development, which is especially beneficial in managing his dyslexia. By engaging in lessons, Johnny also improves his social skills, gaining confidence and learning to collaborate with others. Overall, these lessons contribute to his cognitive, academic, and personal growth.

✓ 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](#).



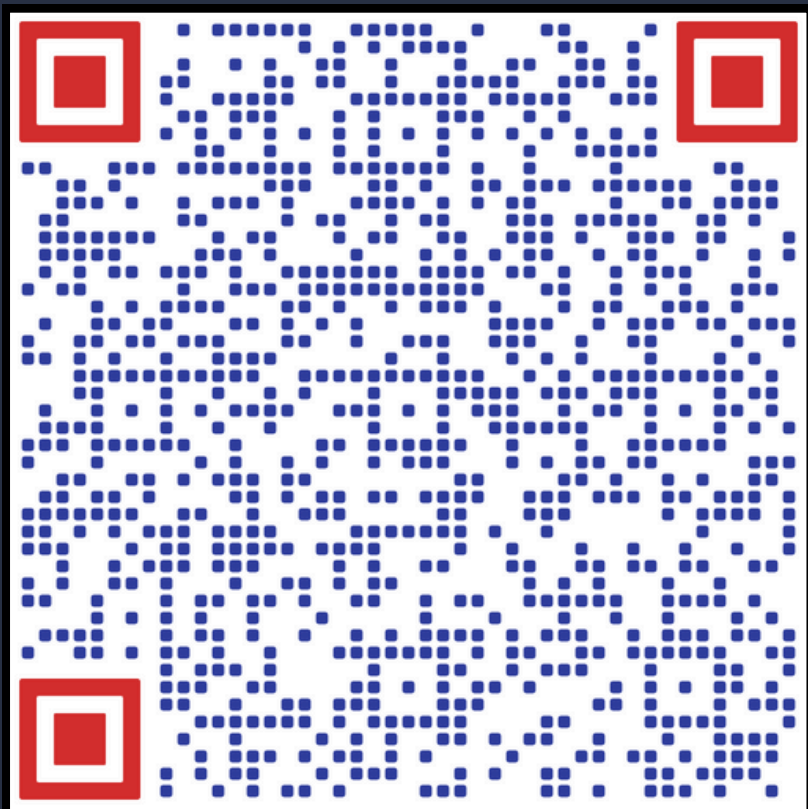
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Reimbursement Resources

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

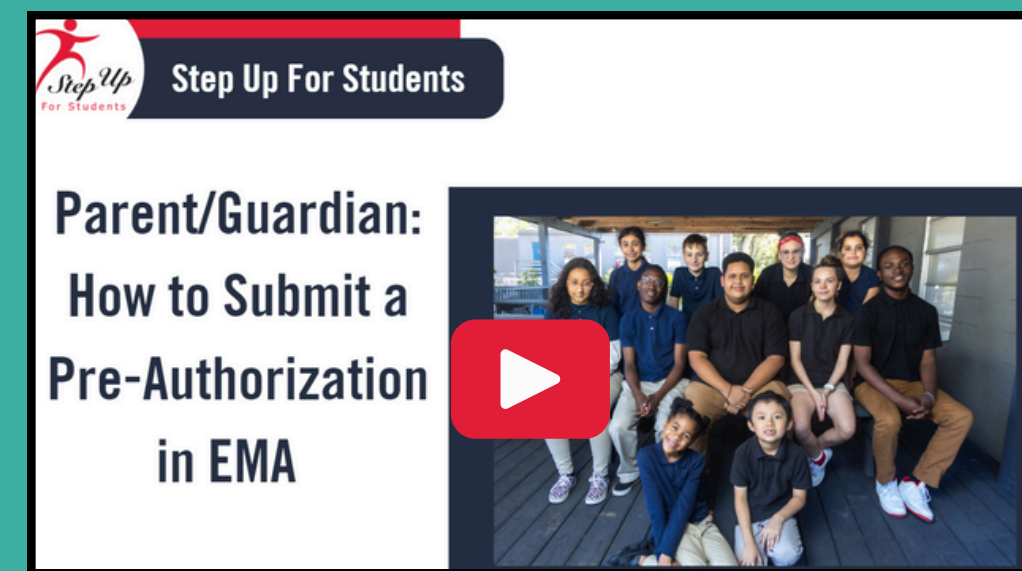


[Guardians Reimbursement Guide](#)

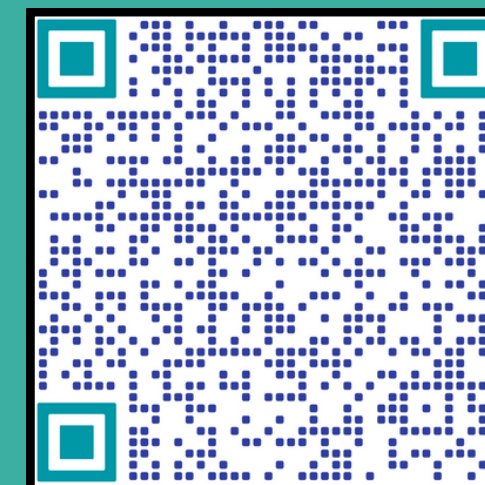
Pre-Authorization

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. Additionally, you can click the link on the right to access the YouTube video explaining this process.



[Pre-Authorization Presentation YouTube Video](#)

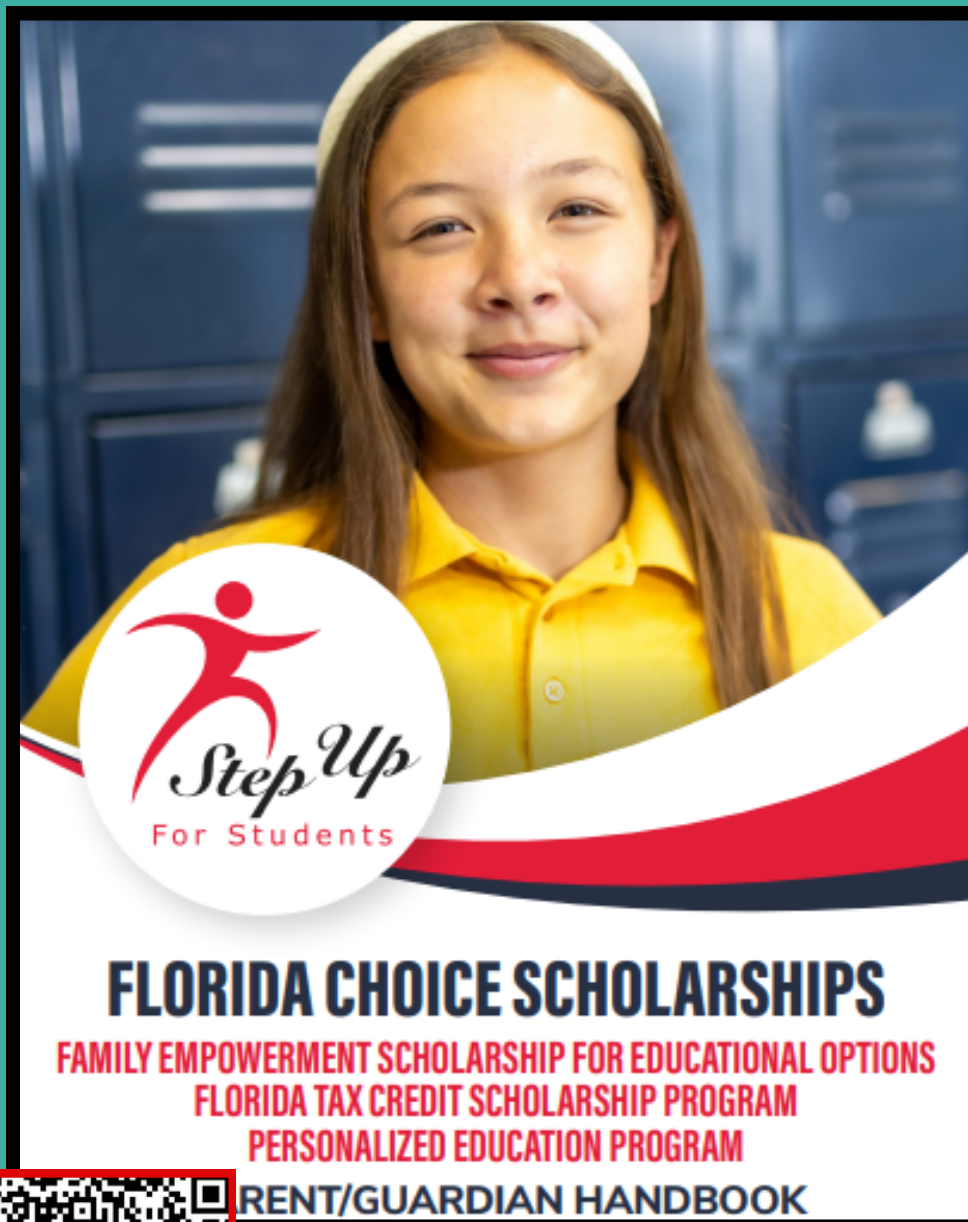


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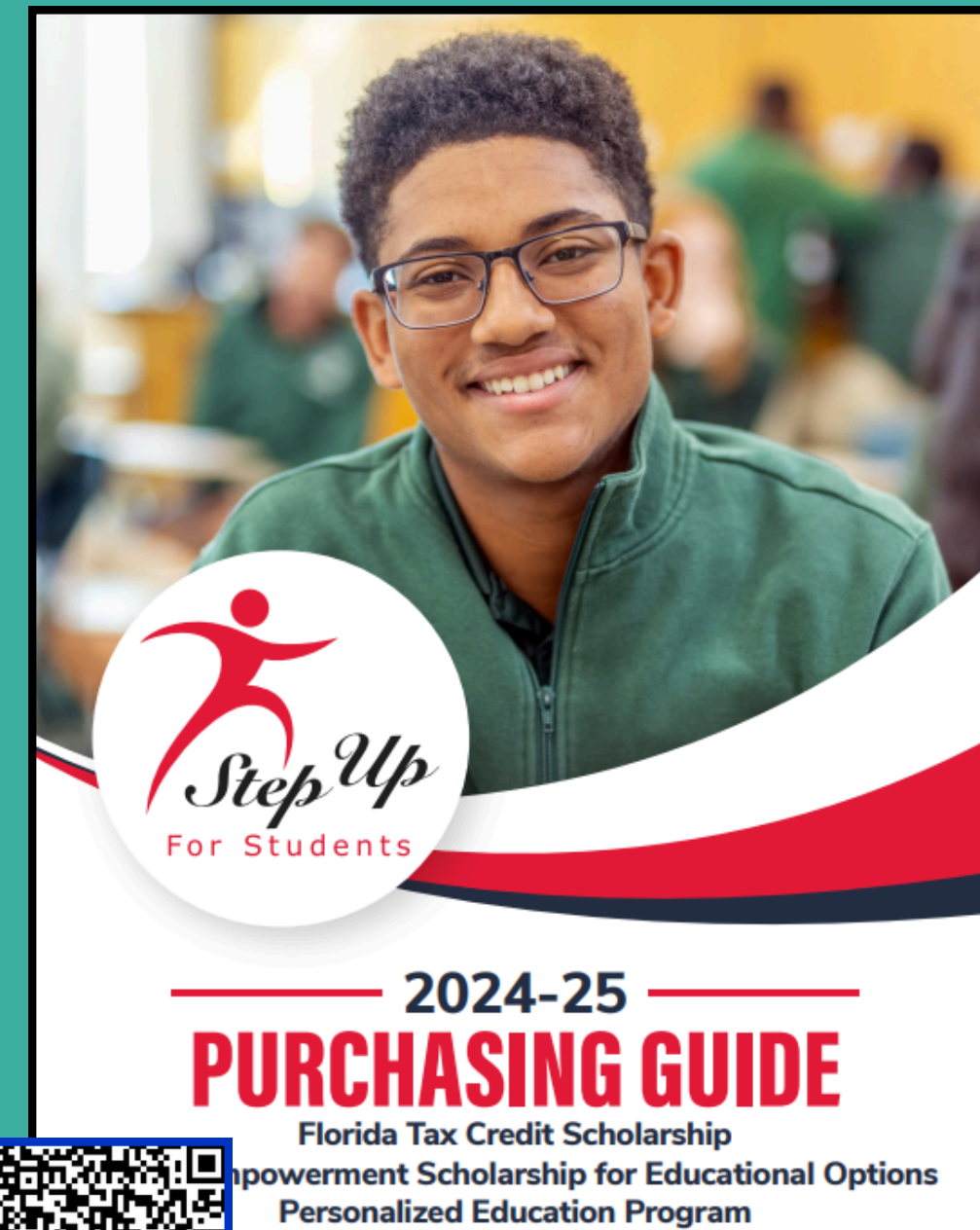


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Guardian Handbook & Purchasing Guide Resources



Please scan the QR code
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to access the Guardian
Handbook and or the
Purchasing Guide



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[2024-2025 Purchasing Guide](#)



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Attendance Policy

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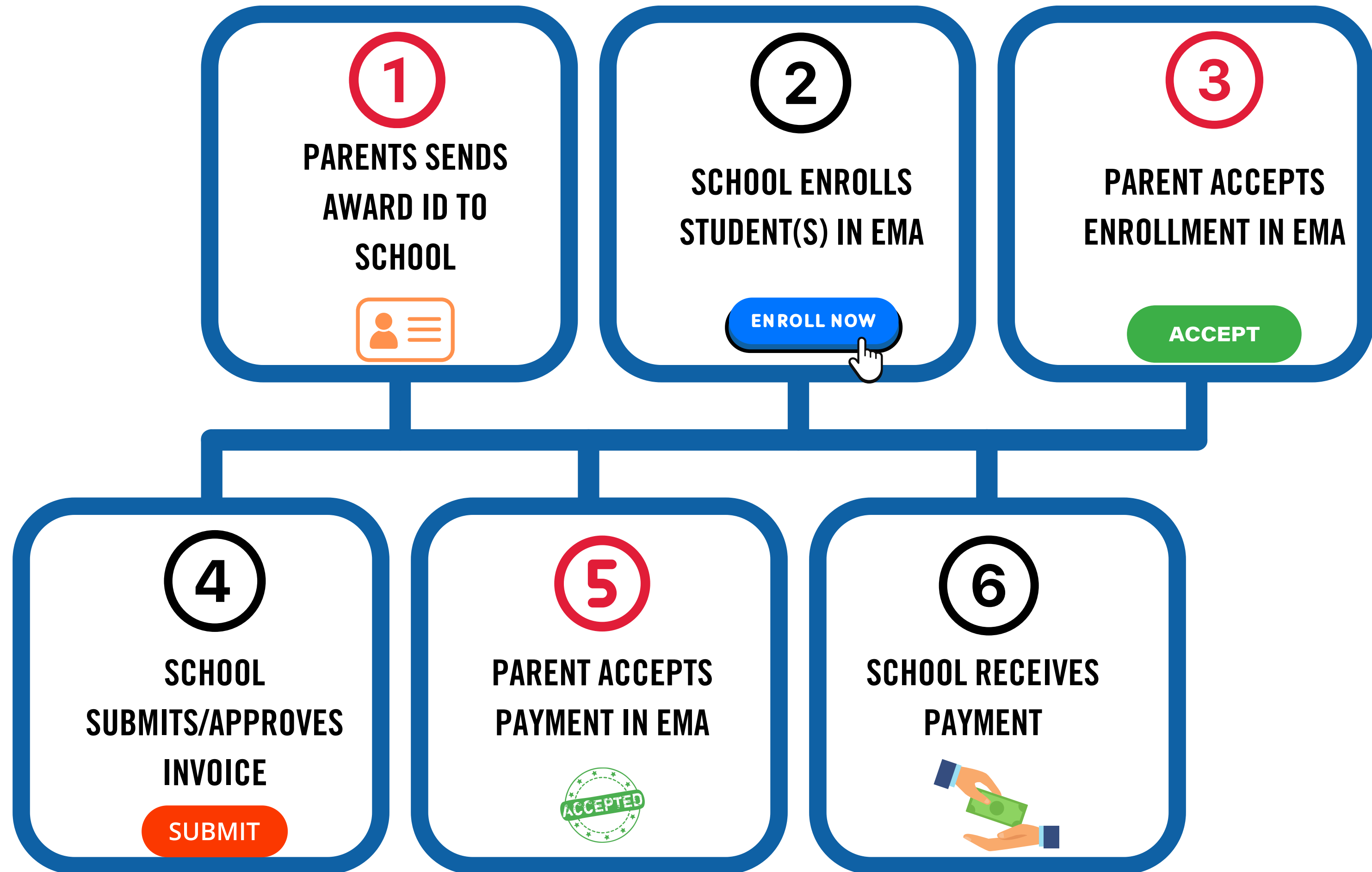


Parents/guardians must adhere to the attendance policy set forth by their child's school, as outlined in the school's attendance policy. Step Up for Students does not establish or have influence over the attendance policies of participating eligible private schools. It is the responsibility of private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

Statute: 1003.24

FTC/EO Parent Handbook p. 33

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.



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Q: If I unenroll my student from a private school, how long do I have to choose another private school?

A: You have 30 days to enroll your student in a new private school. If you have not enrolled your student within 30 days your remaining scholarship funds will be returned to the state.

Q: What is the scholarship amount for my county?

A: The 2025-26 award amounts are not available at this time. They should be released later in the summer after the governor signs the budget.



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Q: I'm an active-duty military and a resident of Florida, but I've been assigned to a base outside of Florida and plan to move soon. Can my children still keep their scholarship?

A: Yes, as long as Florida residency is legally maintained. Please note this option is only available to renewal students on the FES-UA or PEP scholarships. Active-duty military with change of station orders out-of-state may apply for, or renew their FES-UA or PEP scholarships, if they can prove maintenance of Florida residency. You will not be eligible to keep FTC or FES-E0 scholarships to attend private schools out-of-state.



Award ID vs Student ID

Student ID:
Provide this number
when speaking with
the Engagement
Center

A screenshot of the "Scholarship Portal" interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Reimbursements, My Students (highlighted), and Help. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Student Profile", contains fields for Student ID, 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. An "EDIT" button is next to the Student ID field. The right column, titled "Current Funds Available", shows "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts" with a balance of "\$0.00". Below this, the "Applications" section shows "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts" with an "Award ID" field containing a redacted number and a "Program Award Amount" of "\$5,000.00". A "VIEW APPLICATION" button is located to the right of the Award ID field. A large red arrow points from the "My Students" link in the sidebar to the Student ID field. A large blue arrow points from the Award ID field to the right.

Award ID:
Give this number to
an eligible private
school of your
choice for
enrollment. This
number changes
yearly.



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We would appreciate your input on the Guardian 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

How easy was it to find the information you were looking for? *

1 = Not easy at all
5 = Very easy



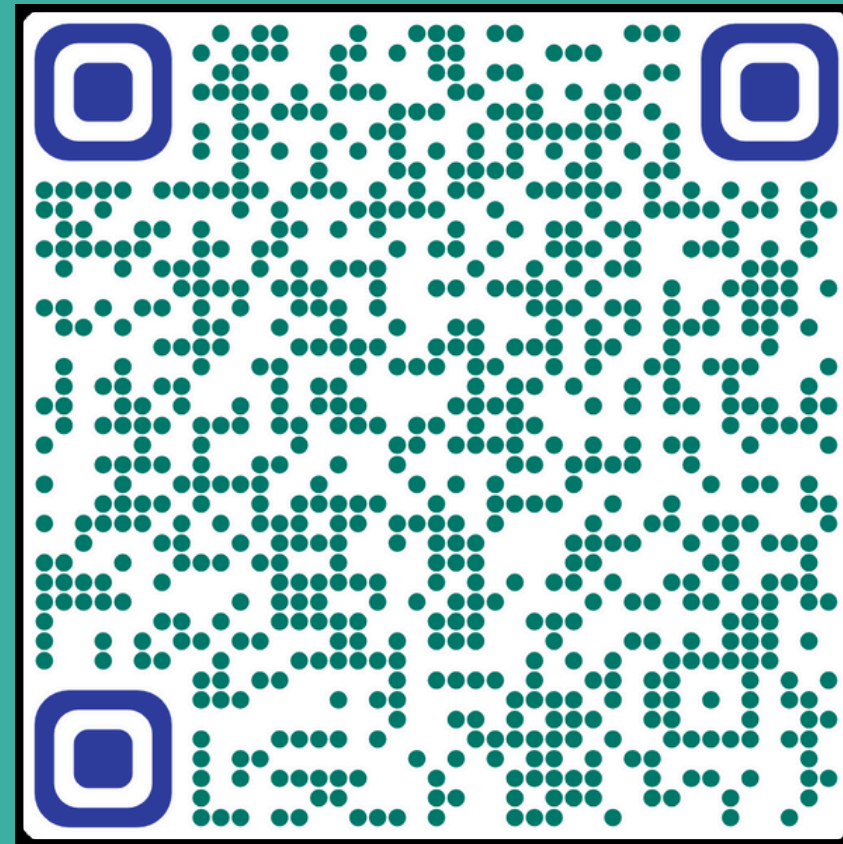
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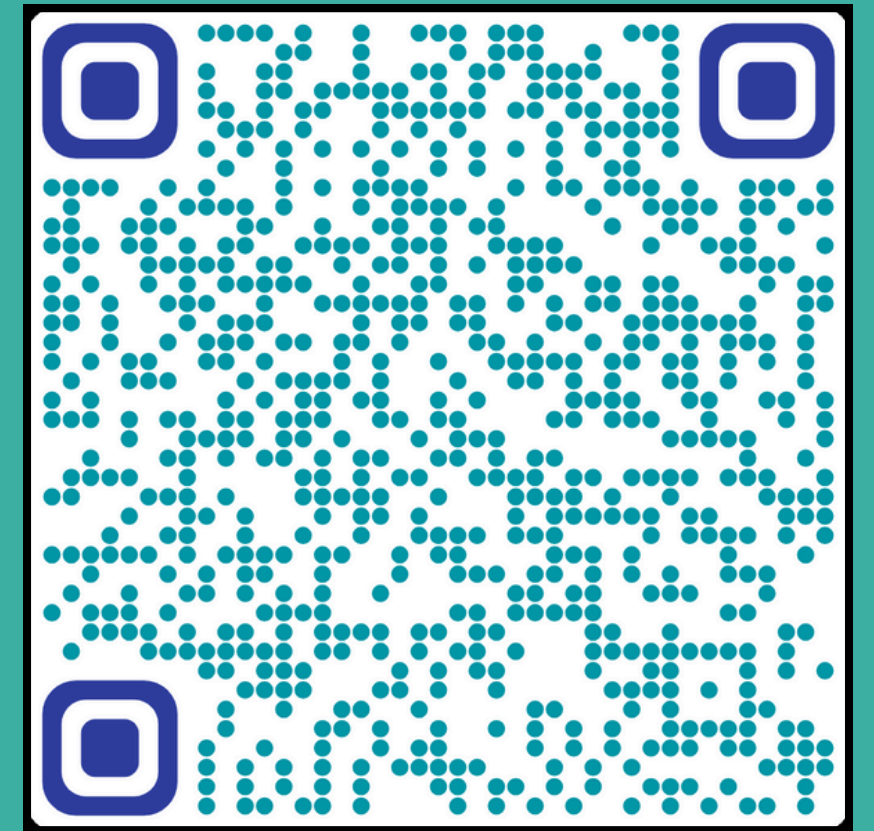
Previous FTC/EO Open Houses



[December Open House](#)



[January Open House](#)



[February Open House](#)



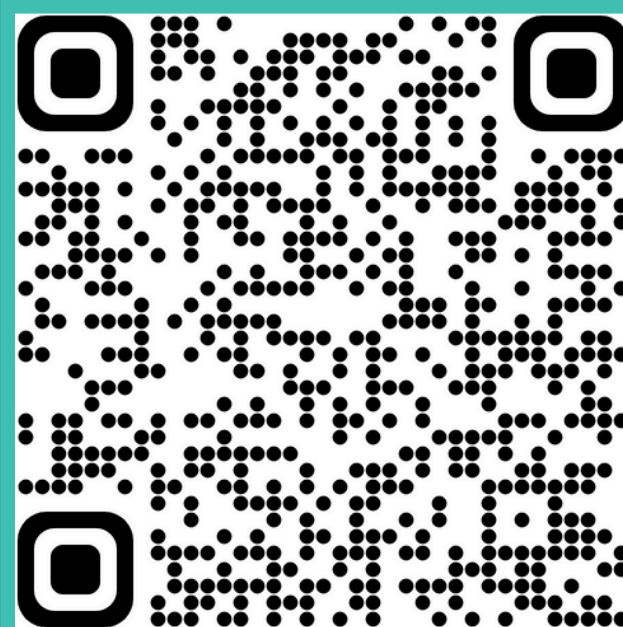
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Looking Ahead: Here are the registration links for the upcoming FES-UA, PEP, NWSA Open Houses



[New World Open House](#)

May 14, 2025



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

April 10, 2025



[FES-UA Open House](#)

March 20, 2025



[PEP Open House](#)

March 27, 2025

**REGISTER
NOW!**



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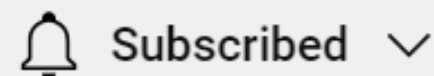


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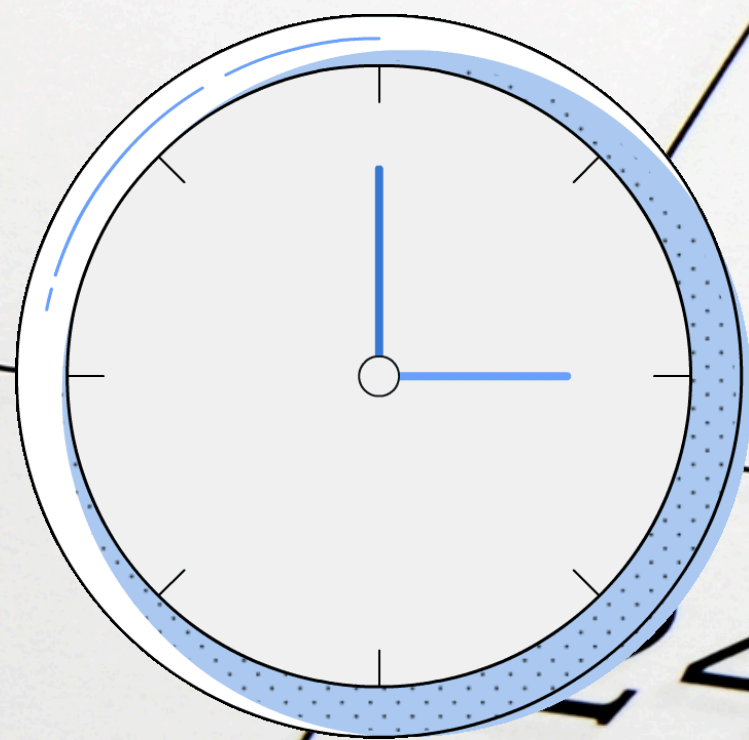
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Need resources to learn more about your scholarship?
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Scholarship Application Deadlines

**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

PEP: February 1-April 30



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Contact Us

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm EST



Chat with us [sufs.org](https://www.sufs.org)



877-735-7837



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Thank you for attending!

Upcoming webinar: April 10, 2025

[Registration Link](#)