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Subject: New Worlds Scholarship: Fall in Love with reading this year!

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New Worlds Scholarship Accounts



Dear Parent/Guardian

Strong reading skills are foundational for all learning. Give your student a head start this new year by fostering a love of reading!

Tune into Reading is a reading improvement program that uses singing to make reading practice fun. This software program works equally well on tablets and computers.

<u>University-based research</u> demonstrates the effectiveness of this three-month reading improvement course. On average, students who complete the program gain one year in reading comprehension in 12 weeks' time.

Here's what Step Up parent Robyn G. has to say about the Tune into Reading program:

"Tune [into] Reading has been a game changer for my son. My son is in 2nd grade and is pulled out [of class] for reading twice a week. He also has a private tutor. However, with the extra assistance at school and after school he could not meet the minimum STAR reading score for promotion at the end of April 2024, i.e. he was 80 points away. He started the [Tune into Reading] level 1 program the first week of May. The last week of May he was administered another State test to qualify for promotion. This time he got the exact score needed for promotion! I did not expect to see results this quickly, due to his disability, but will take the positive progress. I will be continuing the program throughout the summer due to the effectiveness."





This course may be a good fit for your student if:

- They are a struggling reader between ages 6-12
- . The cost of tutoring sessions is a burden to your family
- Your family struggles to find transportation to your students' after-school activities
- Your child struggles to focus while reading/learning, but stays engaged when playing video games
- · Your child enjoys singing/music

Are you interested in learning more about this course? Click here to watch a quick 5-minute presentation about Tune into Reading and how to purchase it on My Scholar Shop. You'll be asked to complete a short form before accessing the video. Completing the form will ensure a representative from Tune into Reading will reach out to you and answer any questions you may have.

Still have questions? Just email Tune into Reading at info@elpcorp.com and a company representative will get back to you.

Want to purchase Tune into Reading for your student? Simply type "Tune into Reading" in the search bar in MyScholarShop and click "Add to cart" on the Tune into Reading tile.

Important: Please keep track of your student's account balance which may be viewed on the "My Students" tab in EMA. If you are receiving services for your child, do not make additional purchases until Step Up For Students has paid your provider. If you spend more than what is in your student's account, you will be responsible for paying the difference.

Click here to log in & shop on MyScholarShop

Resources

- · New Worlds Scholarship Accounts Parent/Guardian Handbook
- MyScholarShop Resource Center

Questions?

Chat with a live agent at www.sufs.org,

Please click here to view our contact information.

Thank you,

Step Up For Students



Scholarship Update

Now that I have applied what's next?



 Submitted applications are sent to the Department of Education for review.

If approved, Step Up For Students will notify you when your Education Savings Account funds are available.

Log into the EMA portal to find pre-approved services and products. Payments to providers and vendors will be made directly from your student's New Worlds Scholarship Account.



Scholarship Update-Funding



• Funding comes from the State of Florida.

- Scholarship award is \$1,200 per student for the 2024-25 school year.
- After Step Up receives the funds, they are deposited into the student's account, typically within ten (10) business days.
- Funding will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis, with students who
 are English Language Learners receiving priority.
- Parents and guardians will be notified via email when funds have been deposited into their student's New Worlds Scholarship Account.

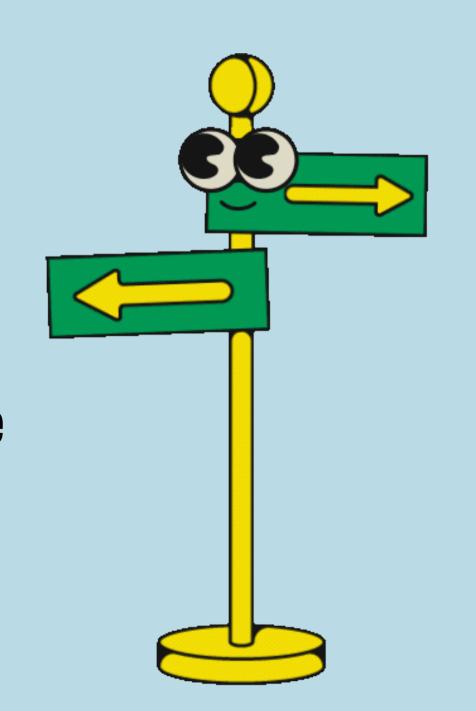




New for the 2024-2025 School Year!

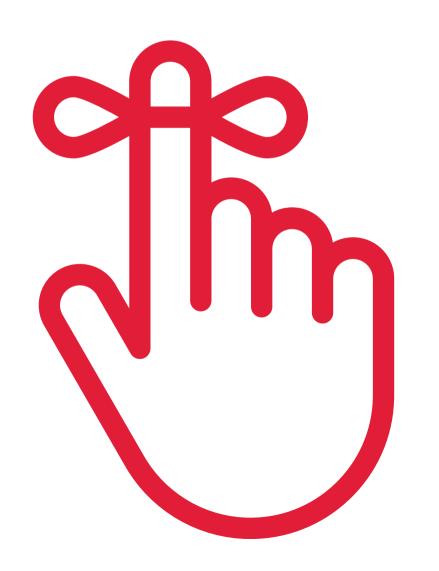


Per House Bill 1361, New **Worlds Scholarship families** will purchase from MyScholarShop or the EMA **Provider Marketplace to use** their scholarship funds directly.





Scholarship Update-Funding



- Parents and guardians may view their student's funding status by logging into EMA.
- Once funds have been deposited into the student's account, parents and guardians may use the scholarship funds for a variety of products and services.
- Any unused funds will be rolled over for use in subsequent school years, as long as the account remains active.
- A few days after funds are deposited into the student's account, tabs will appear in the student's EMA portal to allow parent/guardians to search and shop for approved goods and services directly through Step Up's Marketplace and in MyScholarShop.

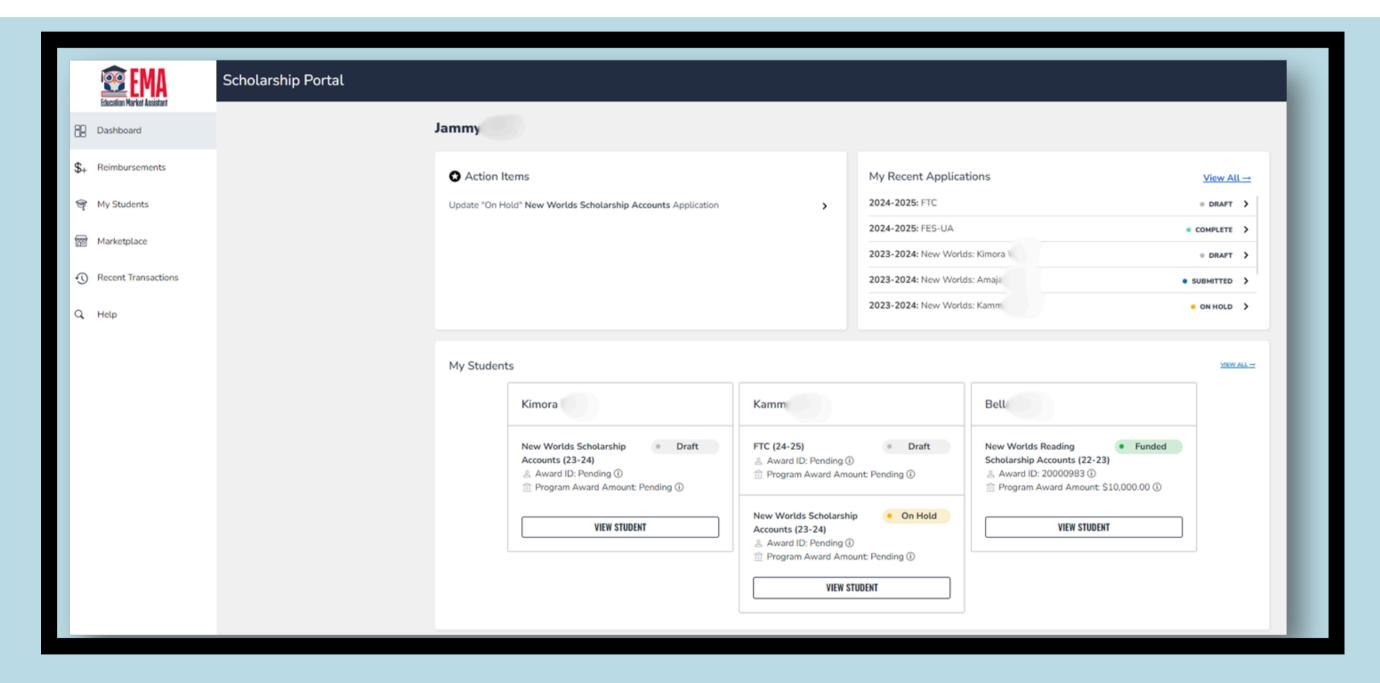




Parents: Finding Providers and Services in the Marketplace

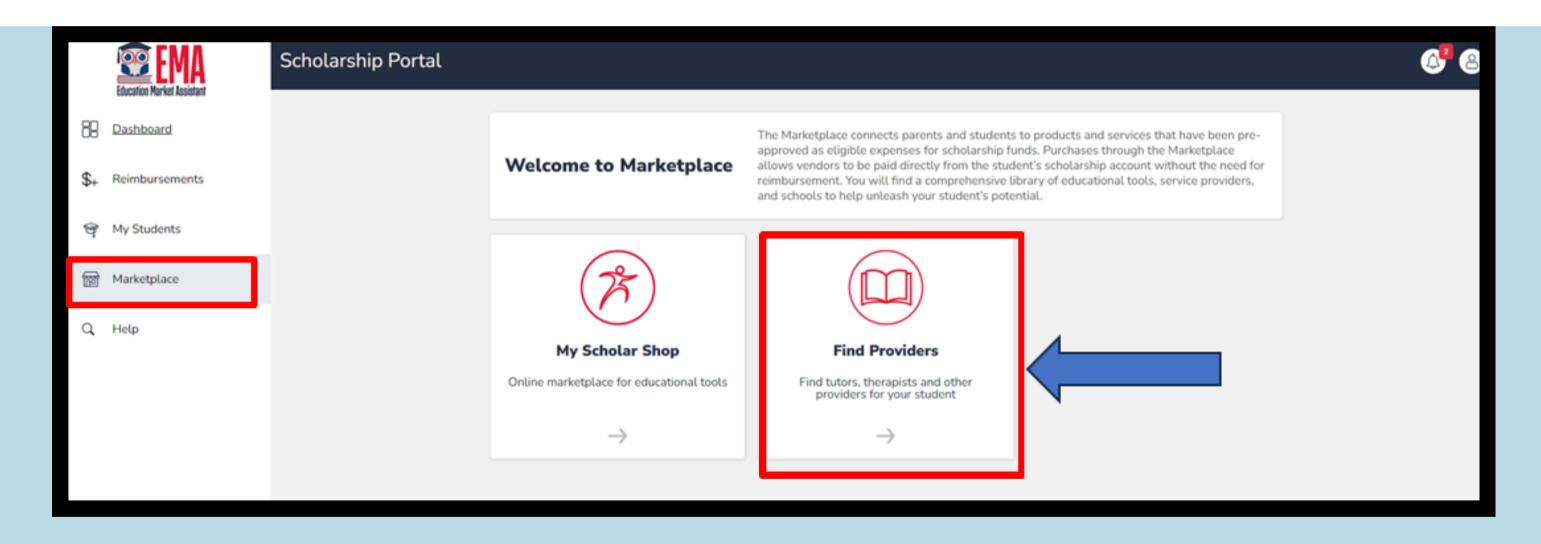






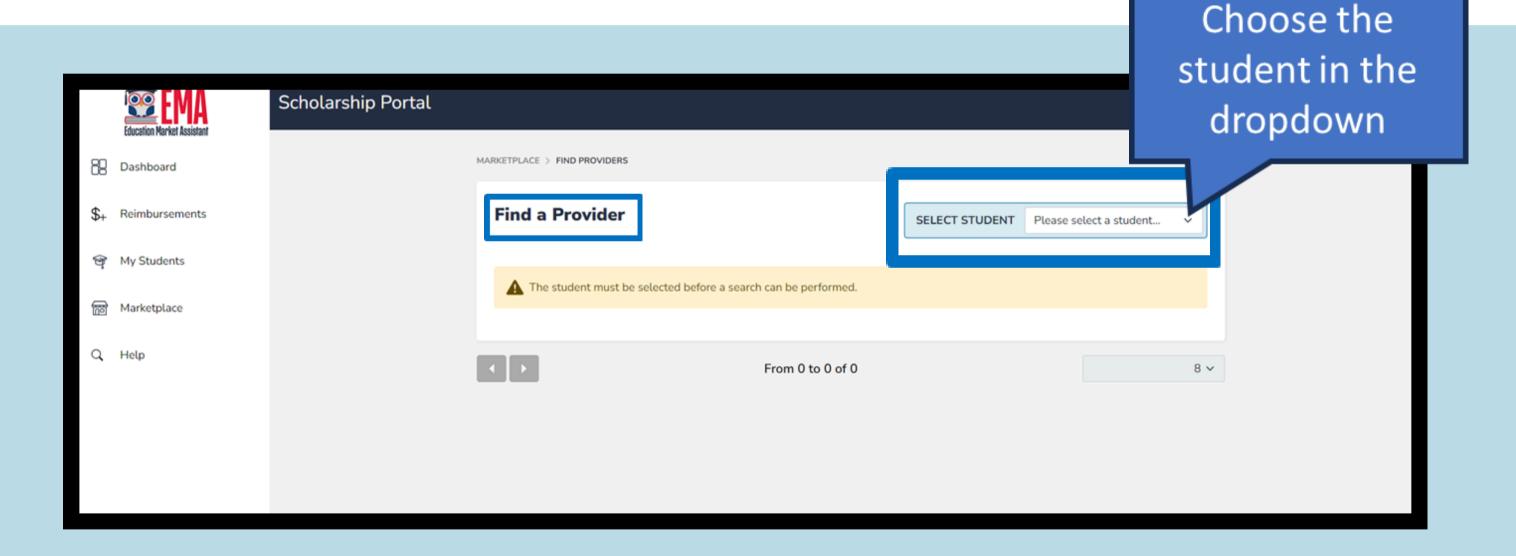
Log-in to your EMA account.





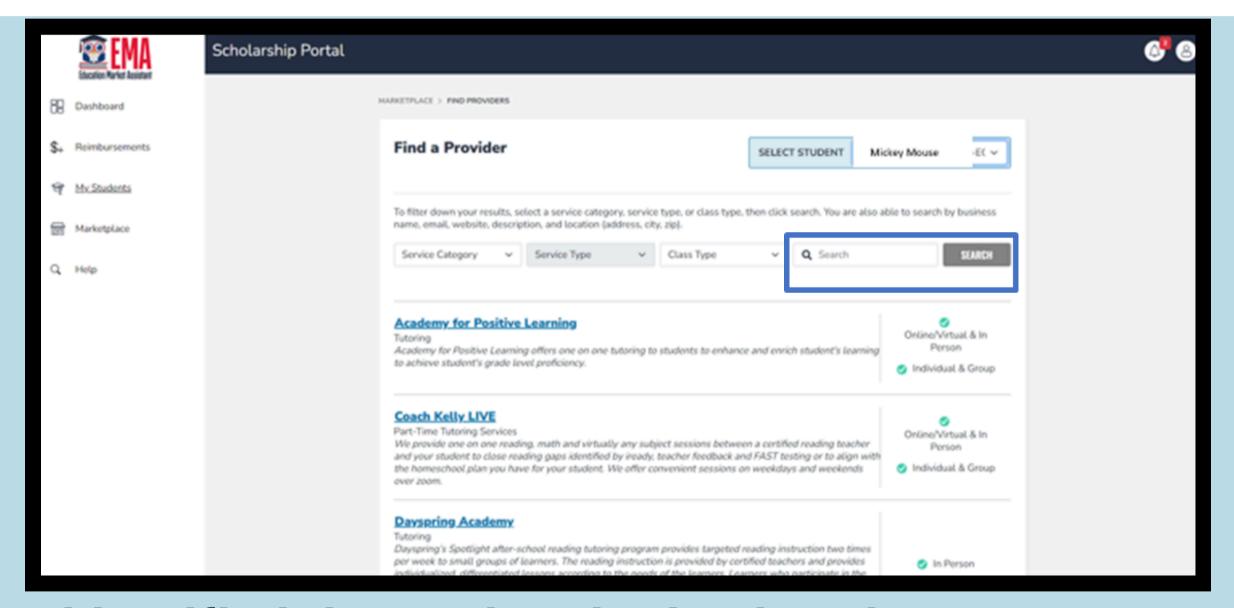
On the left menu on the dashboard, click on "Marketplace". Once on the page, click on the "Find Providers" link to search for a particular provider in the marketplace.





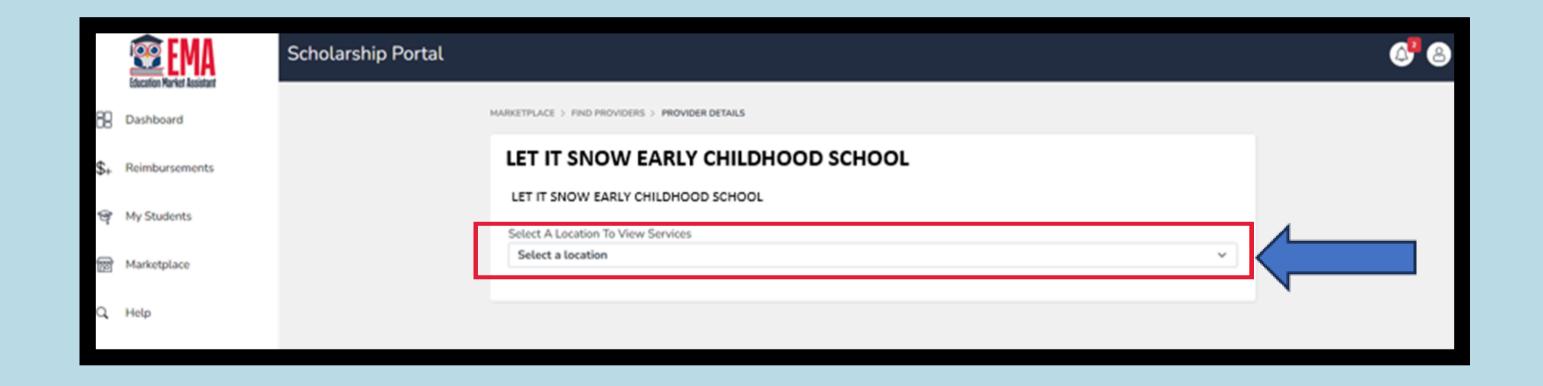
When using the "Find a Provider" search bar, select the student from the dropdown menu for whom the service should be rendered.





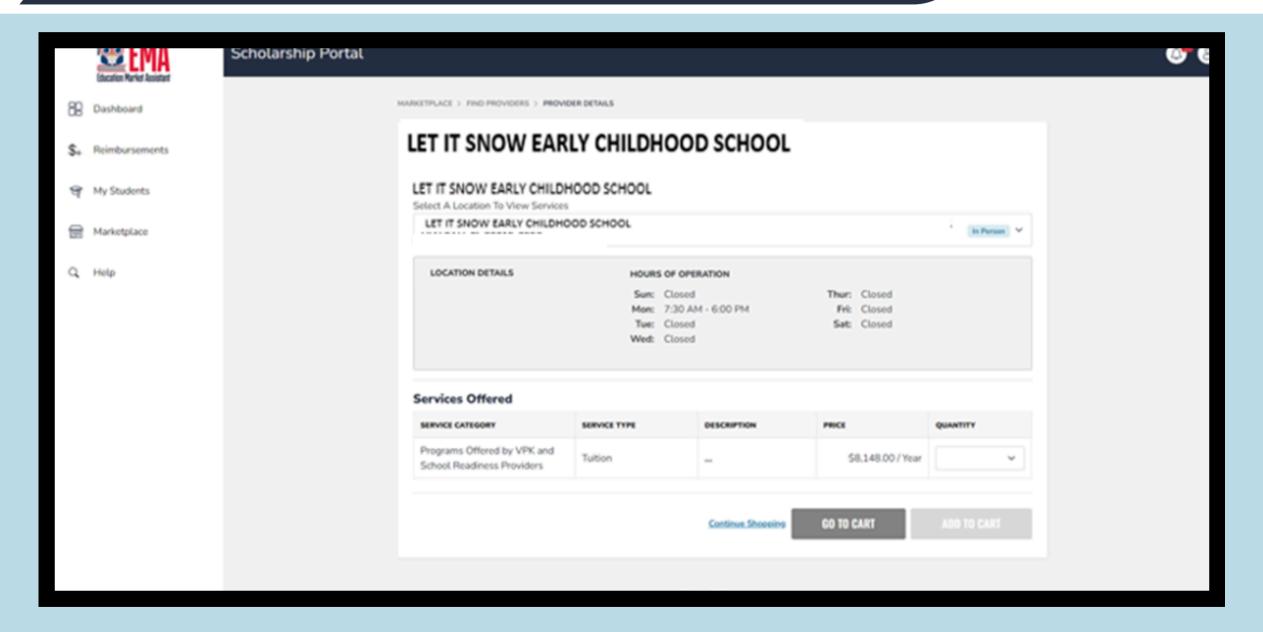
Once you have identified the student in the dropdown, you may use the drop-down down menus or search the provider in the search bar.





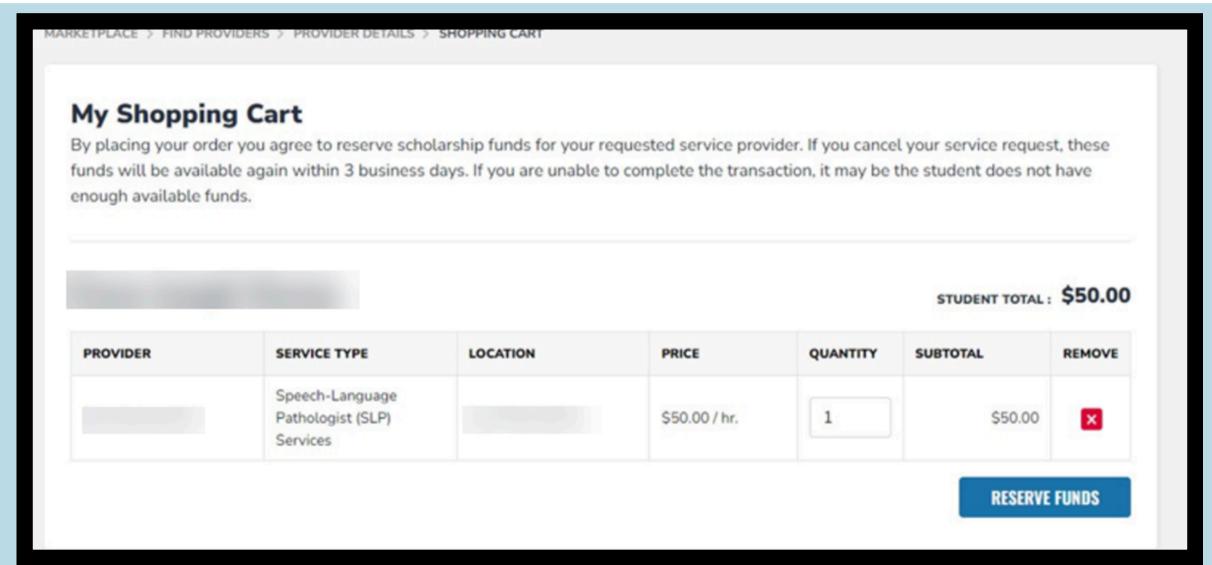
When you have found your provider, select a location in the dropdown to begin adding a service to the chosen student's account.





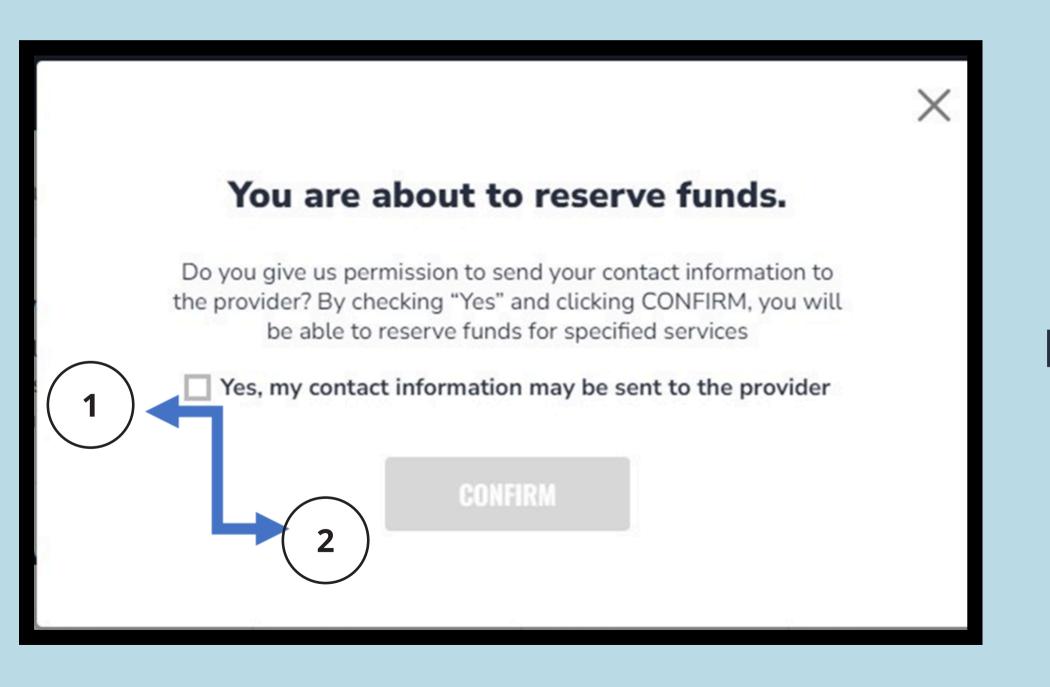
Review the services offered by the provider. Select the quantity desired and click "ADD TO CART." Note: you can only reserve services up to your available account balance.





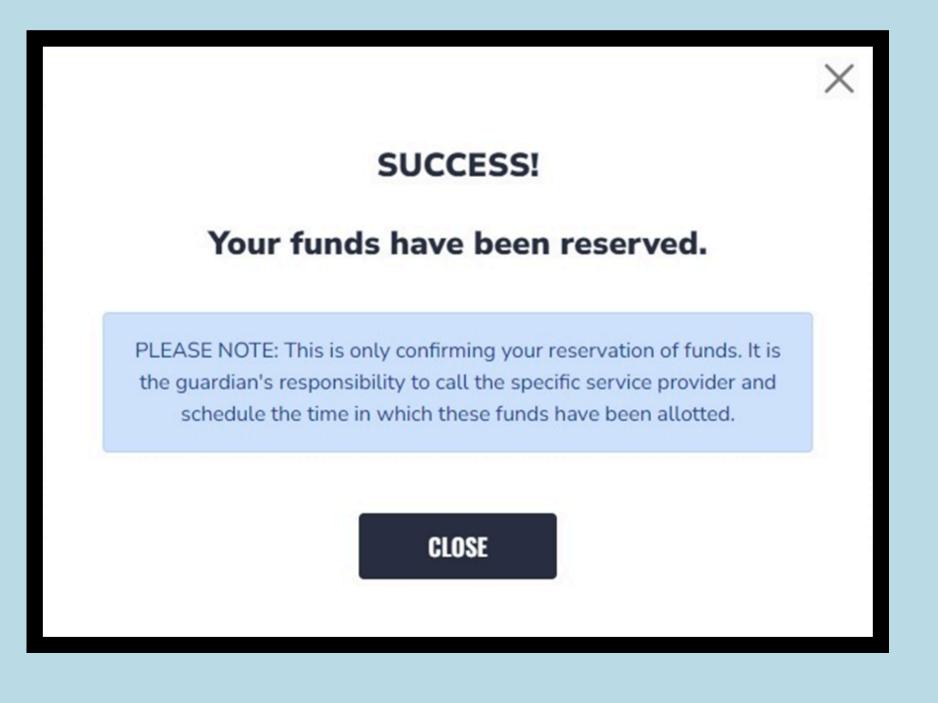
Click the shopping cart in the top right corner. Review your selections and click "Reserve Funds."





After clicking on the "Reserve Funds" button, you will be redirected to a screen where you will be required to grant permission to the service provider to access your contact information. You will have to check the "Yes" box and click "Confirm" to reserve funds for the service you are requesting from the provider.





When funds are reserved, the provider can submit payment for services without further parent approval.



What is





- MyScholarShop is an educational e-purchasing platform built to assist in purchasing instructional materials using scholarship funds without any upfront cost.
- Items available through MyScholarShop are preapproved for purchase using New Worlds Scholarship Accounts funds.
- Access to MyScholarShop will be activated within a few days of a student's account being funded. Step Up For Students reserves the right to deny requests or to limit or deny access to EMA or MyScholarShop.

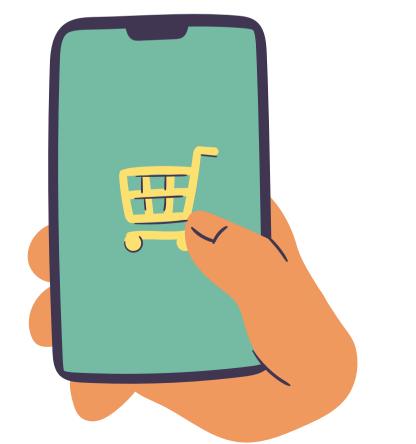




What is my ScholarSHOP?

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!



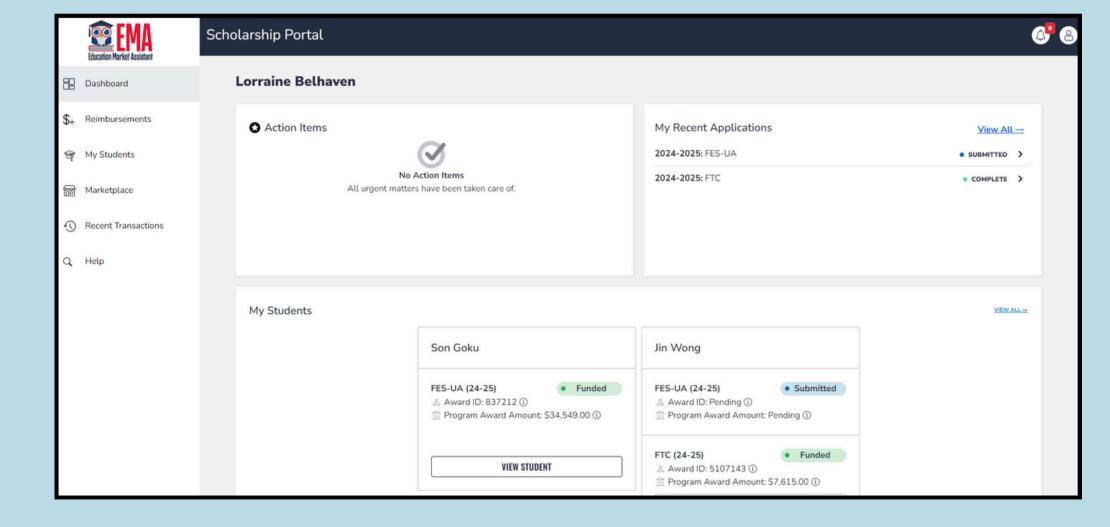


Navigating MyScholarShop in EMA





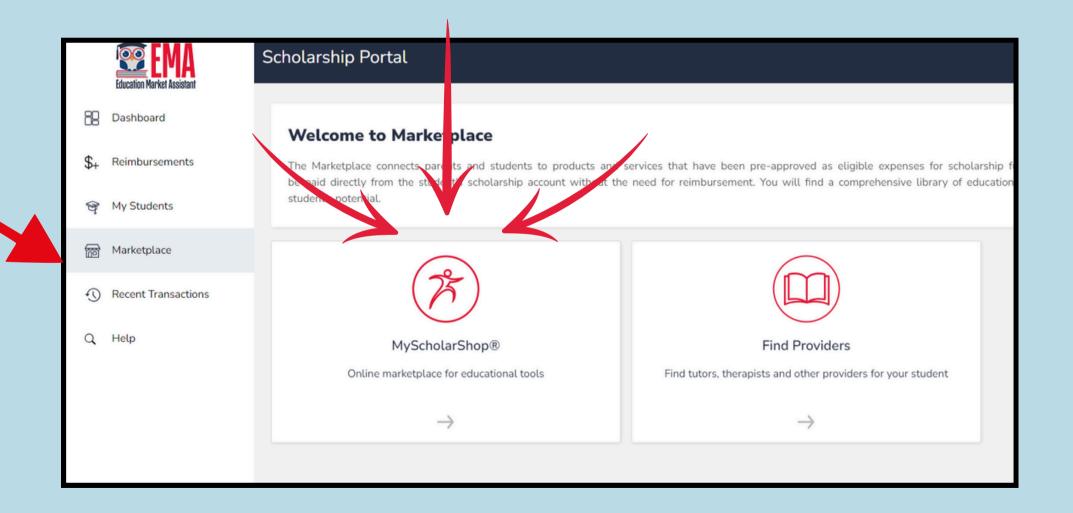
Log in to your EMA Account using your existing credentials.





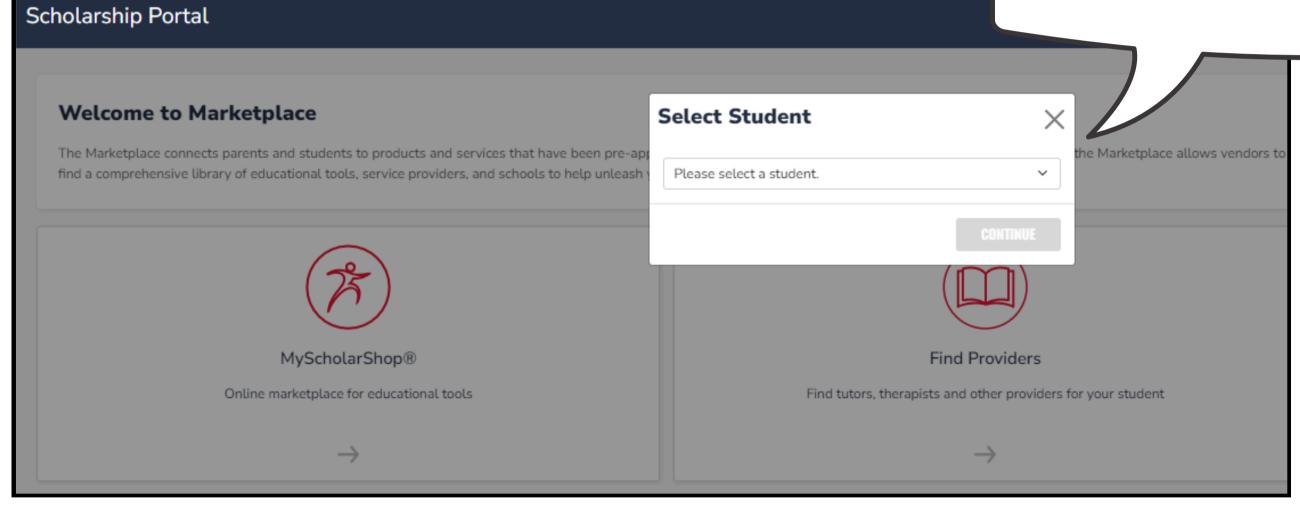
Go to the left menu on the dashboard and choose "Marketplace".

Then, click on the "MyScholarShop" link to search for a particular item in the marketplace.





Choose the student in the dropdown.



When a pop-up appears, you will be asked to choose the person you are shopping for. This feature is particularly useful when shopping for another student using a different ESA, as MyScholarShop will only display the preapproved store linked to the selected student.



Privacy Statement

Welcome to the use of an SAP Ariba cloud-based application. This application does not require you to enter any personal data, also known as "contact data may be transferred outside of the country or jurisdiction in which you are located.

SAP Ariba's obligations as a processor of your contact data are governed by the agreement between SAP Ariba and your company or organization,

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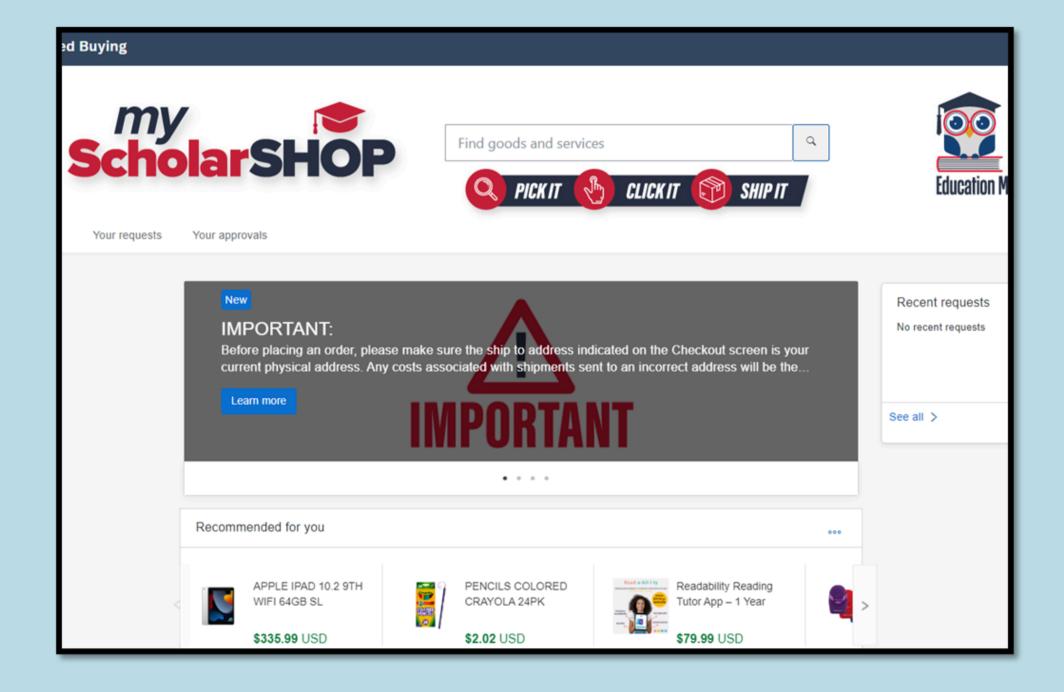
Customer Privacy Statement

By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read the MyScholarShop User Agreement, Version 2 and consent to the processing of my per

When you first visit MyScholarShop, you will need to acknowledge the privacy statement.

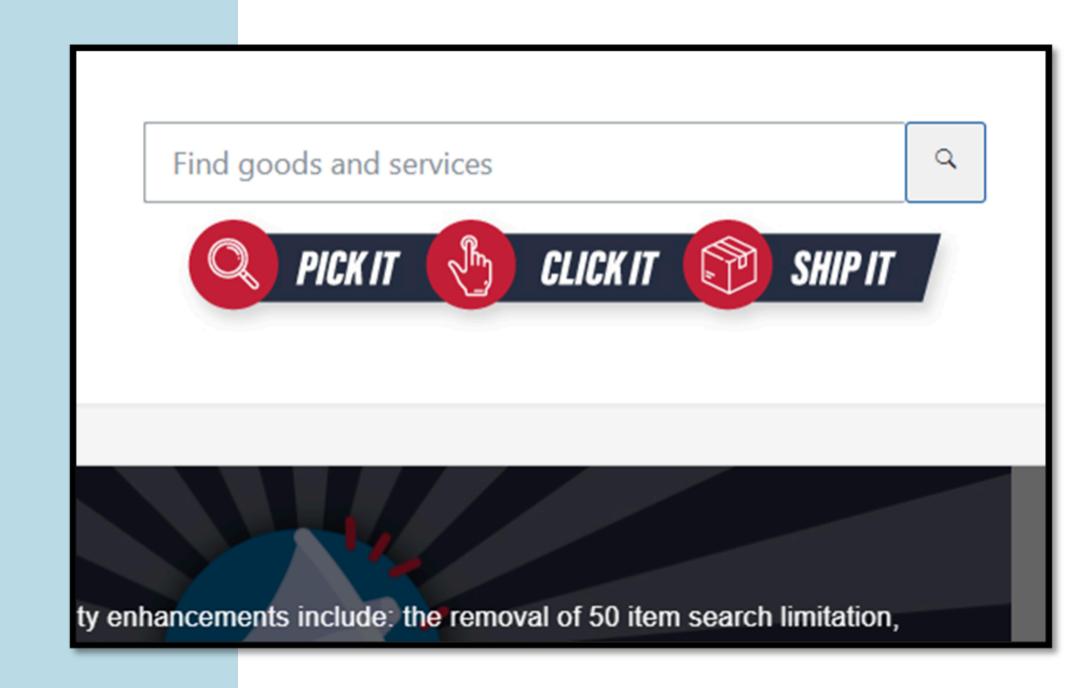


This is the landing page for MyScholarShop, where you can find program updates and shop for your student's account.

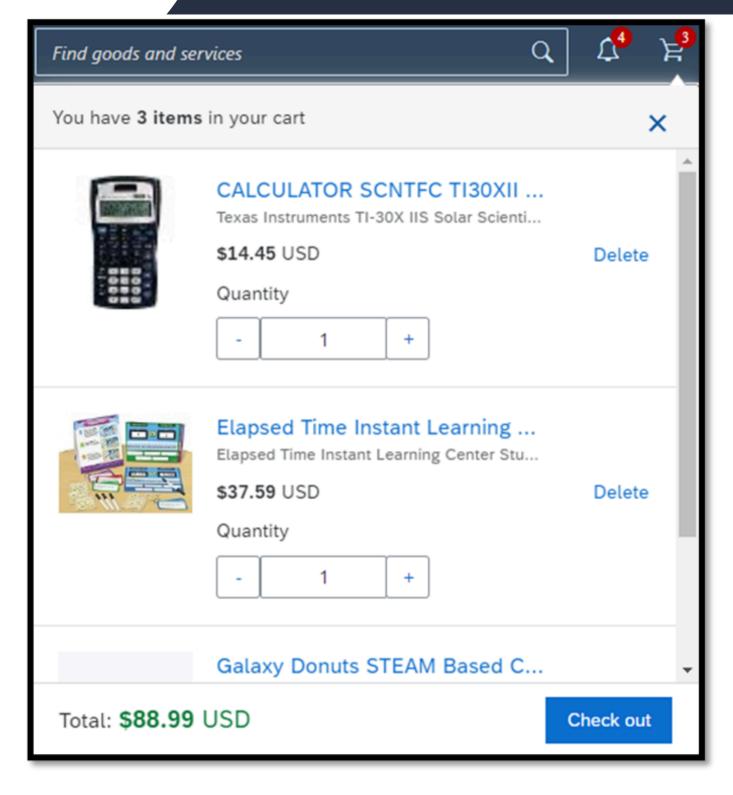




You can browse items just like in a typical online store to discover products for your student.





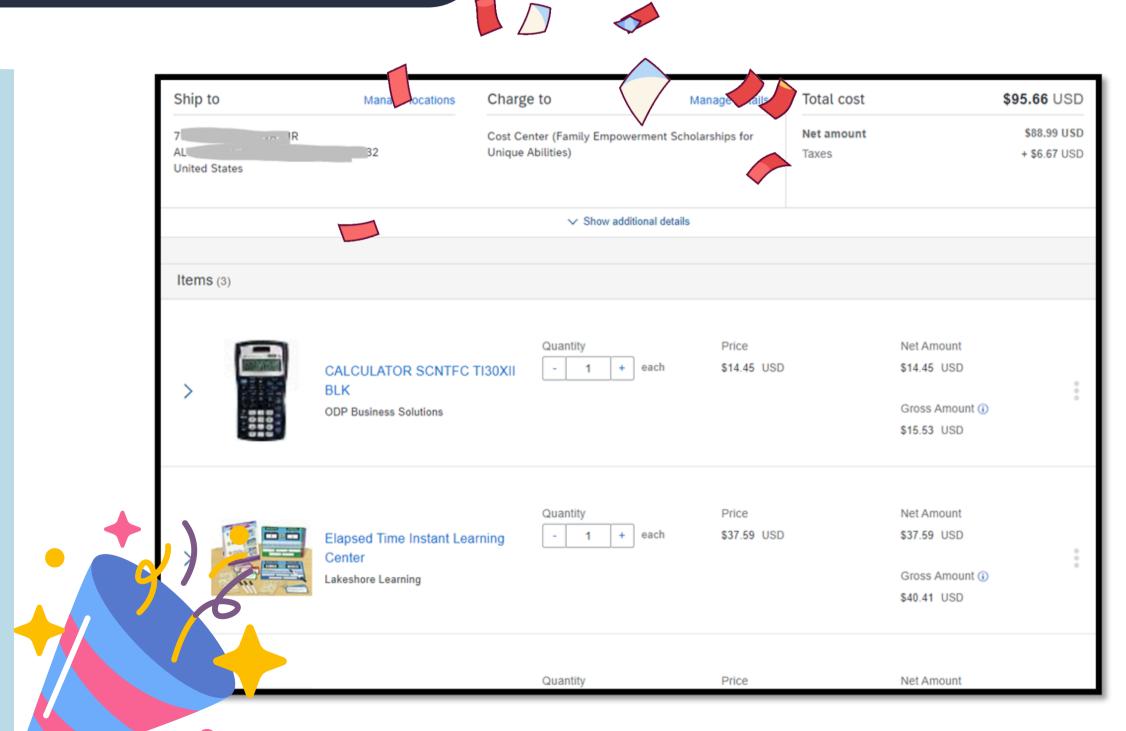


While shopping, products will be added to your cart for checkout at a later time.

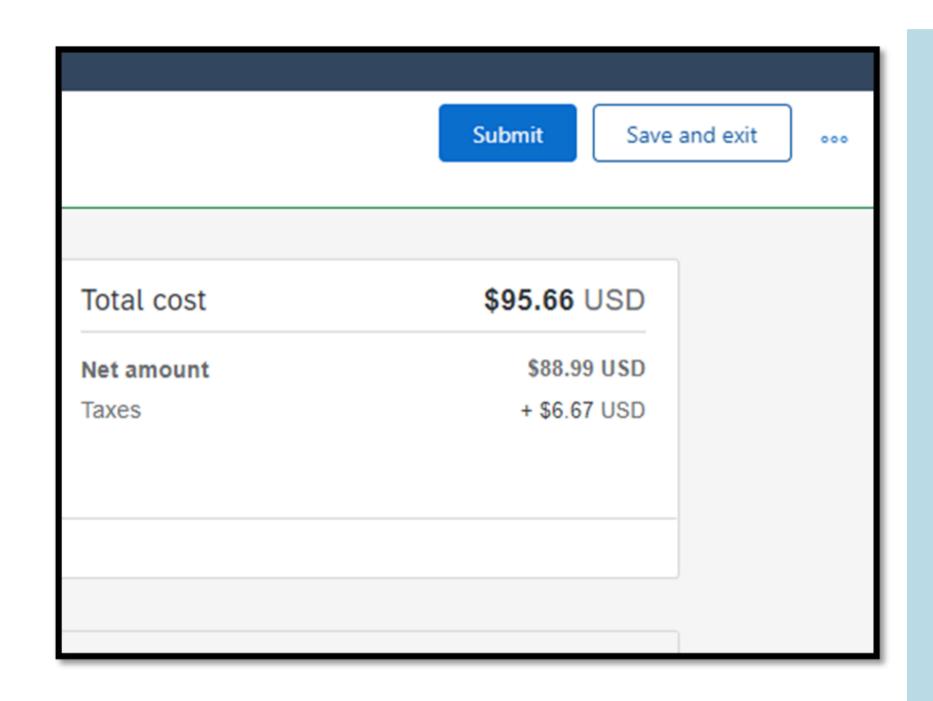


Before proceeding with your purchase, ensure that the mailing address matches your home address listed in EMA. If you've recently moved, remember to update your address in EMA as well.

Please allow up to 48 hours for your address change in EMA to reflect in MyScholarShop.







After you have completed your shopping, you can either save the cart for later or proceed to submit it for purchase.



The following errors were received from the external system:

: This request exceeds available funds, please remove \$9 of items from your cart before checking out.

If your purchase exceeds your available balance, this error will populate, preventing you from completing the order. In this instance, you may adjust your cart so the purchase does not exceed your available funds.



Once you have finished, ensure that you log out entirely to avoid any unauthorized purchases from MyScholarShop.

After logging out, you will have to return to EMA to shop for another student and log in again. Please note that you cannot switch students while you are in MyScholarShop.





Policy

Click here for the FES-UA (formerly Gardiner) Parent Handbook:

FES-UA (formerly Gardiner) Parent Handbook

Click here for the current pre-approved item list:

Pre-Approved Item List

Click here for the current MyScholarShop User Agreement:

MyScholarShop User Agreement

Need help?

For information, quick reference guides, FAQ documents and more, go to the Family Resource Center

MyScholarShop Product Request Form

MyScholarShop Vendor Request Form

Contacts

Service Center Normal Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. ET

Tel: 877-735-7837

MyScholarShop@sufs.org

For additional assistance, click on the below link.

Additional Contact Information

Chat assistance can be found on the www.StepUpForStudents.org website.

If you need assistance with anything in MyScholarShop, scroll to the bottom of the page to find these helpful links. Contact information will vary across scholarships.

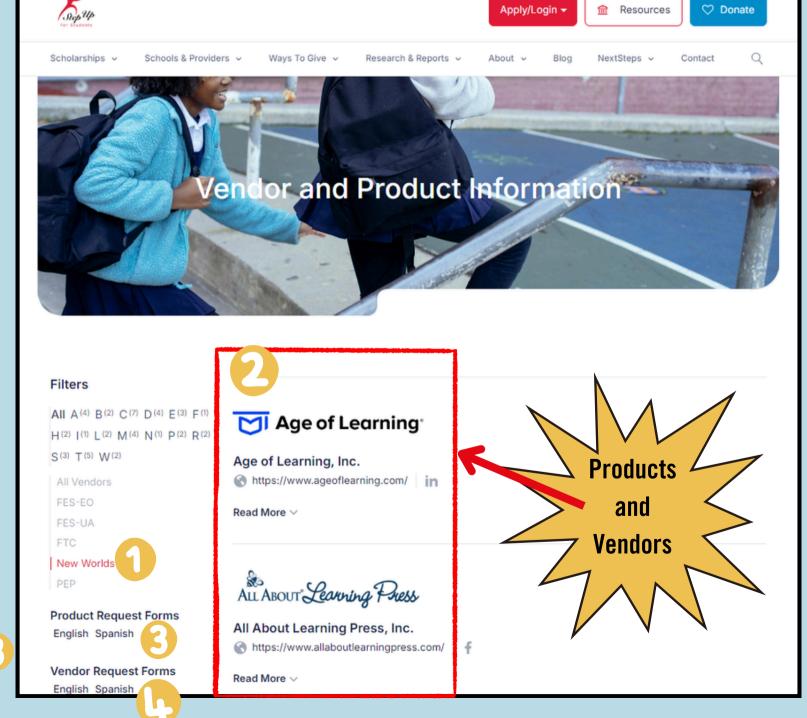
Where do I find a list approved products and vendors?

Go to Step Up For Students website, hover over "Scholarships" and look for "Parent Resources" in the center of the page. Click "MyScholarShop" and scroll down to "Explore our Vendors". Click "Vendor Catalog"

Use the filter on the left side of the page and choose "New Worlds".

You will see an alphabetical list of approved vendors and products. 2

You will also find the "Product Request Form" and the "Vendor Request Form".





MyScholarShop New Vendor Alert



Company Name	Description of Services	Website
Heart Of Dakota	Christian 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 curriculum will take you all the way from preschool through high school. With Heart of Dakota, you'll love learning again!	https://heartofdakota.com/
Good Beautiful	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/
Nicolethe Math Lady	Nicole the Math Lady teaches every lesson in the Saxon Math textbooks in on-demand videos that can be accessed anytime. Students can enter their answers to assignments which are automatically graded in our online grading program.	https://nicolethemathlady.com/









Q: When will NWSA open for the 2025-2026 school year?

A: NWSA follows the academic school year and will open in the Fall of 2025. Please sign up for the NWSA Interest List so you will be notified when the application becomes available.



Register for 2025-26 Scholarship Updates





Q: What happens if your child had low scores for math and reading when you applied for the scholarship, but then their scores improved? Can you use the scholarship funds until the funds are used up for that year or do you have to stop using the funds?

A: Improvement is what we want to see! Once your student is funded, the funds are yours to use in MyScholarShop or EMA Provider Marketplace.





Q: I understand the scholarship funds roll over from this school year to the next if the account remains active... however, does the child need to meet requirements again then be funded again for the following year?

A: Yes, you will need to submit an application each year for your students.





Q: What if the provider we would like to use is not listed as an option? Can they be added to the list of providers? If yes, what is the process?

A: The provider must create an account in EMA. They will need to submit the necessary documentation to become an approved provider. For more detailed information, you can have the provider download the Provider Handbook located on Step Up For Students website. The checklist below outlines the documentation needed for service providers.



Document Checklist for Service Providers





Q: If a product is considered an eligible purchase with scholarship money, however there is not enough funds in the account to cover the entire amount, can the parent pay the difference?

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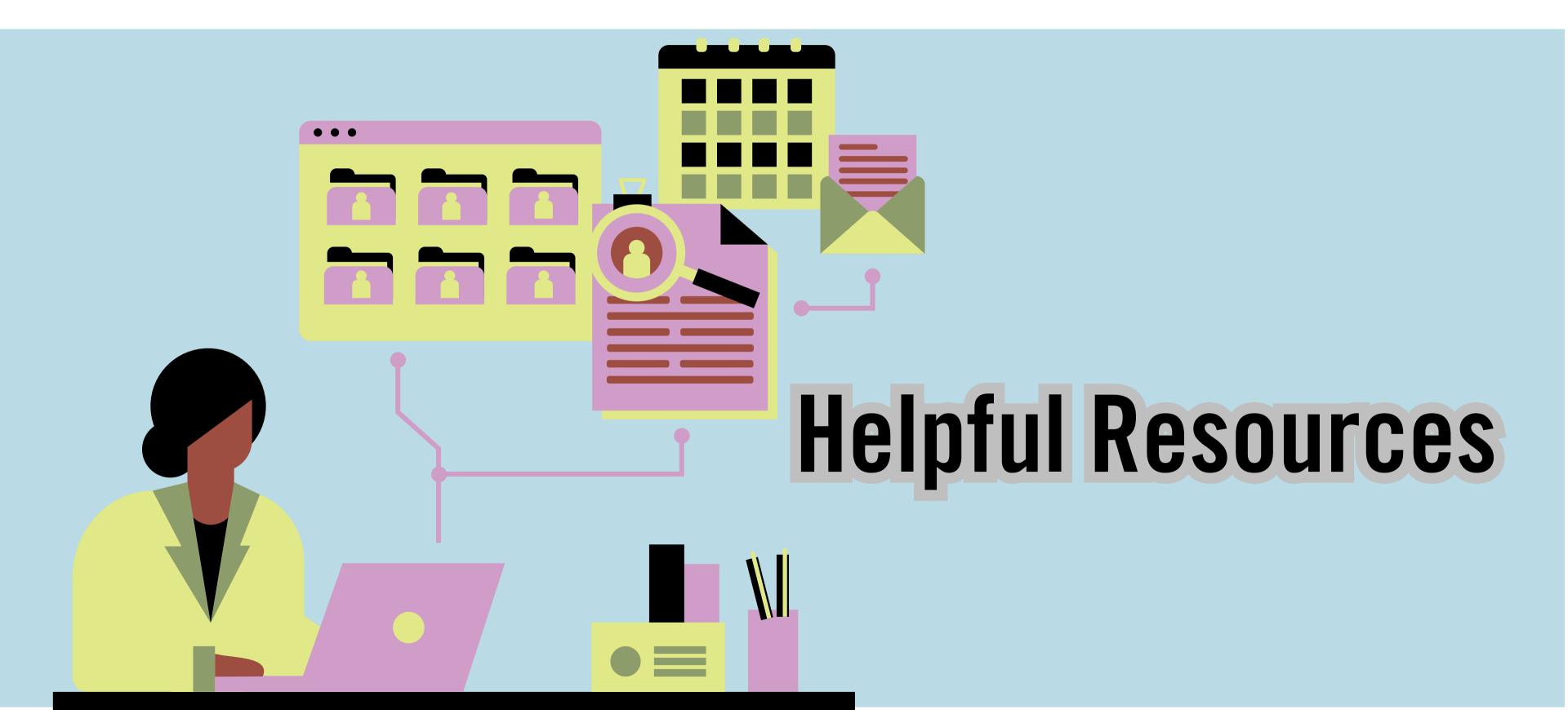


Looking Ahead...

New Worlds Scholarships will be available in the Fall of 2025.

Be on the lookout for the your student's Progress Monitoring Report from their school.



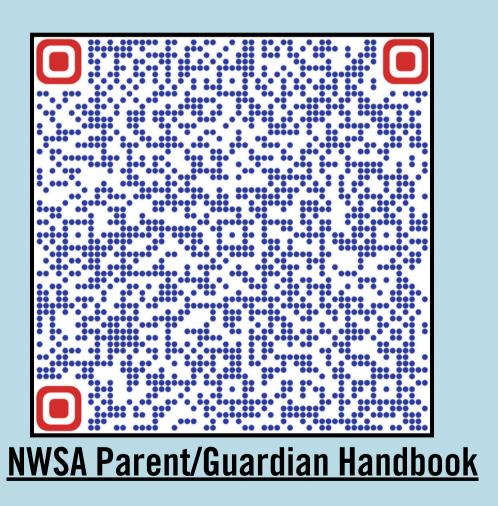




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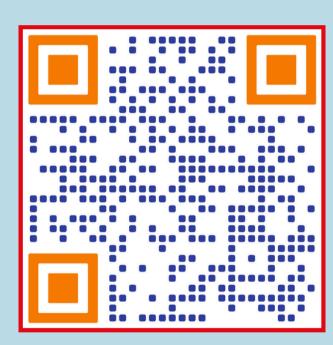






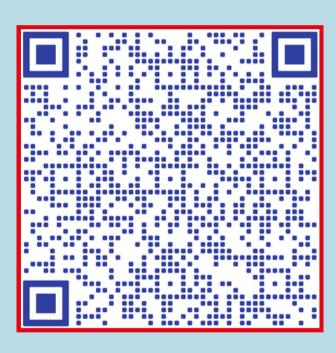


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Parents Finding Providers & Services
in the Marketplace Slides

A step-by-step guide to finding providers and services in the Marketplace



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Navigating MyScholarShop in EMA Slides

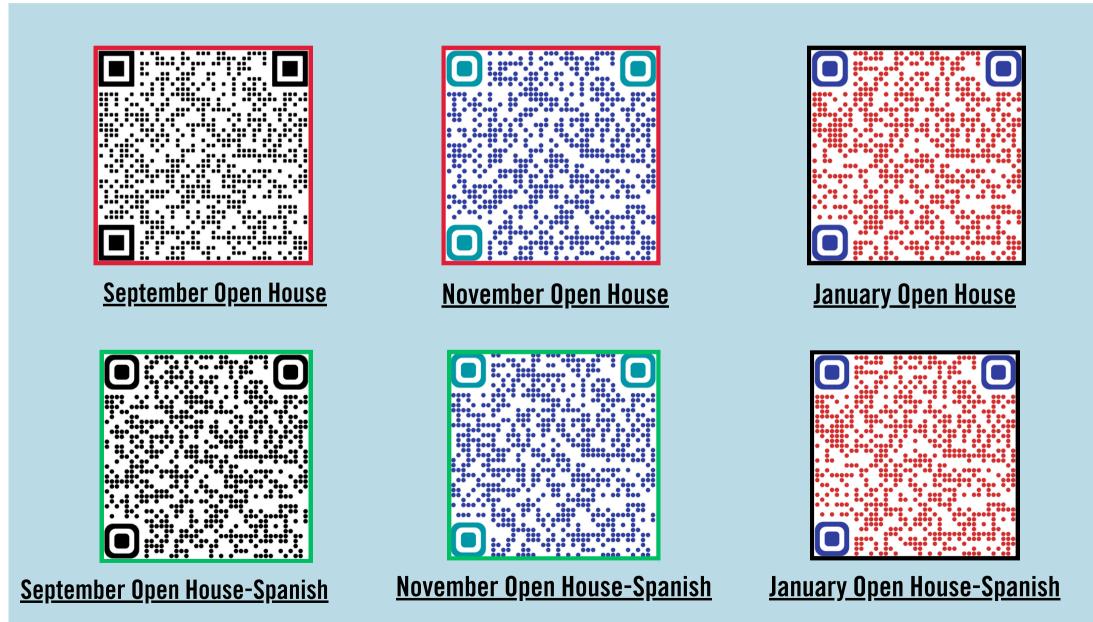
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In case you missed it...

Past NWSA Open Houses





Contact Us

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



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