



Family Empowerment Scholarship for
Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)

November 21st, 2024

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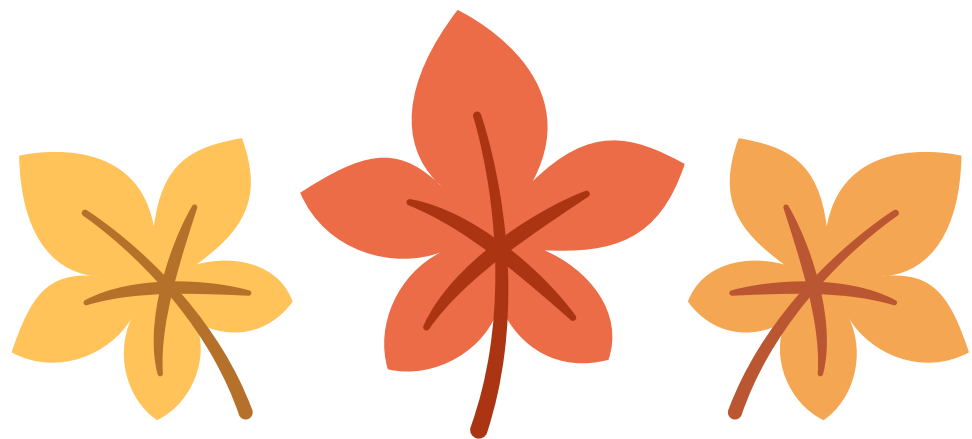
**New Pre-Authorization Process

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Communications

Subject: Newly eligible items and services are now available for reimbursement!

Date: 10/31/2024



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that families may now submit reimbursements for items and services that became newly eligible for the 2024-25 school year. These reimbursements may be submitted for purchase or service dates beginning with July 1, 2024.

We appreciate your patience as we worked to update our processes and systems to align with this year's Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) [Purchasing Guide](#).

To view a list of changes from this year's FES-UA Purchasing Guide, including which category each newly eligible item or service belongs to within our systems, please [click here](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

- If your student was funded through the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities program in the **2022-23 school year and before**, you must continue to use [our Legacy System](#) to submit reimbursements
- Reimbursements for all other students should be submitted in [EMA](#).

Questions?

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

Please [click here](#) to view our contact information.

Thank you,

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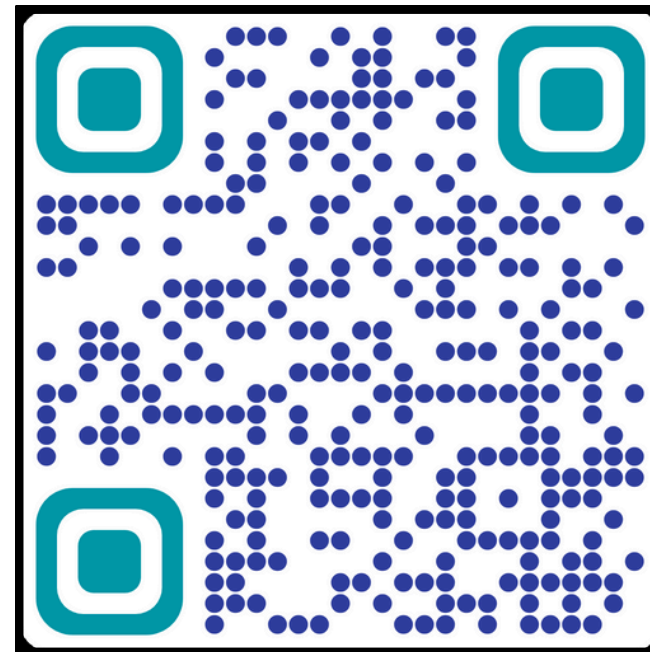


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Subject: Important updates for families impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Date: 10/29/2024



[Hurricane Updates](#)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this message because you are in a county identified in consultation with the Florida Department of Education to have been impacted by Hurricane Helene and/or Milton.

We hope this message finds you safe amidst the challenges brought by these storms. Our hearts go out to our impacted families, schools, and providers.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding while we worked through the details of how to best support you during this difficult time.

In our commitment to ensuring those impacted can continue to access educational opportunities, we have created a dedicated landing page where you can find helpful information to navigate challenges you may be facing, including temporary or permanent change of address, damaged items, the need to change your student's enrollment, and more.

Please visit this page [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

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Thank you,

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MyScholarShop New Vendor Alert



Company Name	Description of Services	Website
	<p>Scholar Within’s reading program is designed to advance your child’s reading and spelling skills. The program is brain-based, research-based, and results-proven. Each day is broken up into 4-6 short step-by-step activities for a total of 45-60 minutes.</p>	<p>https://scholarwithin.com/</p>
	<p>Throughout our history, Kaplan has been a pioneer in expanding educational access and transforming learning through new technologies. With more than one million students, and thousands of clients and university partners, Kaplan has the expertise, passion, and continuous innovation to help you achieve your educational and career goals.</p>	<p>https://www.kaptest.com/</p>
	<p>Get children's books and educational activities for kids ages 0-8+ delivered monthly! Build healthy reading habits with our teacher-curated box.</p>	<p>https://www.thestorytimebox.com</p>



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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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New & Improved Educational Benefit Form



Educational Benefit Form

Student Name:

Student ID:

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

What is the Educational Benefit of this item?

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:

Parent Signature:

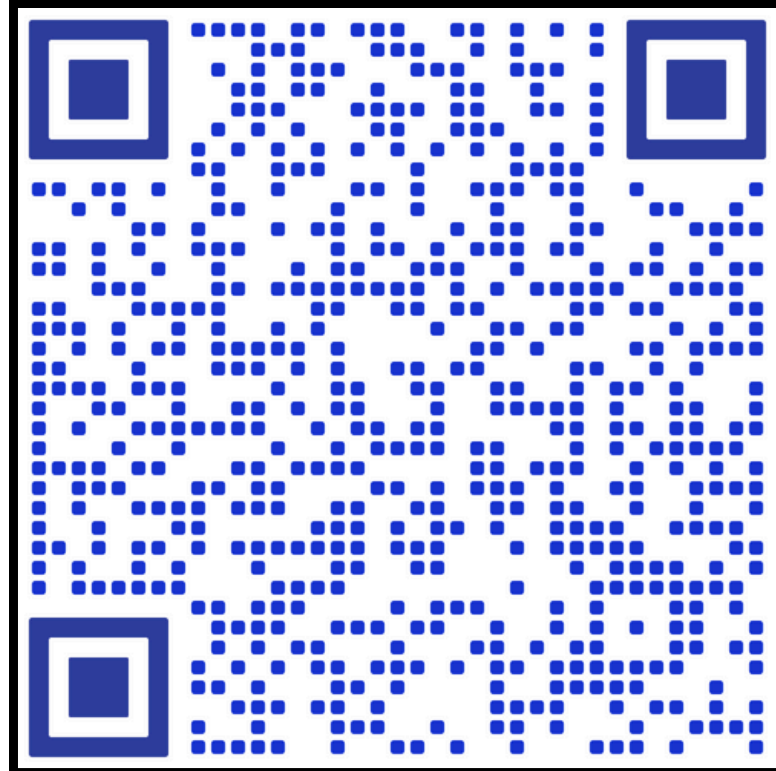
PLEASE NOTE: Any violation of the FES/FTC scholarship statutes, rules, policies, or procedures may result in the loss of the scholarship, ineligibility for future scholarships, or financial or criminal penalties. Please see the Parent Handbooks for [FES-UA](#) or [FES-EQ/FTC/PEP](#).



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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.

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: 

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How To Find Providers:

How to use the marketplace to find a direct pay extracurricular activity for my child to participate in?

All of this information can be found in the [Parents: Finding Providers and Services in Marketplace](#)

You Tube Video Linked here

A screenshot of a web application interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the Step Up logo, the text "Parents: Finding Providers and Services in Marketplace", and a "Share" button. Below the header is a navigation sidebar with icons for "Dashboard", "Reimbursements", "My Students", "Marketplace", and "Help". The main content area shows a "Scholarship Portal" window with a breadcrumb trail "MARKETPLACE > FIND PROVIDERS > PROVIDER DETAILS". The page title is "LET IT SNOW EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL". Below the title is a dropdown menu labeled "Select A Location To View Services" with "Select a location" as the current selection. A red box highlights the dropdown, and a blue arrow points to it. A red play button icon is overlaid on the dropdown. Below the screenshot, text reads: "When you have found your provider, select a location in the dropdown to begin adding a service to the chosen student's account."

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



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Purchasing Guide Hot Topics



Digital Devices & Game Consoles



Approved Digital Devices



Laptop
Computer



Cell Phone



Tablet



Desktop
Computer



Smart Watch



E-Readers

Important Note:
**Frequency of
Purchase: 2 years**

Web-centric Laptop
Computers (such as
Chromebook or
Surface)



Digital Devices- Game Consoles

- **Frequency of Purchase:** 2 years
- When purchasing a game console system, **an educational game must also be purchased, or proof of ownership of an educational game or the Educational game you intend to purchase must be provided.**
- A **valid receipt** must include the name of the retailer, date of purchase (including year), item purchased, and purchase price (including subtotal, taxes, shipping, and grand total).
- Provide **proof of payment**. This can be a copy of the credit card receipt, the front and back of the cleared check, a copy of the entire money order made out to the provider, a copy of the PayPal invoice showing the funding source, a cash app receipt, or a copy of the bank or credit card statement.

*** This purchase can only be made by FES-UA scholarship families!**

Examples of Game Console Systems



PlayStation



Nintendo Wii



Oculus VR



Xbox

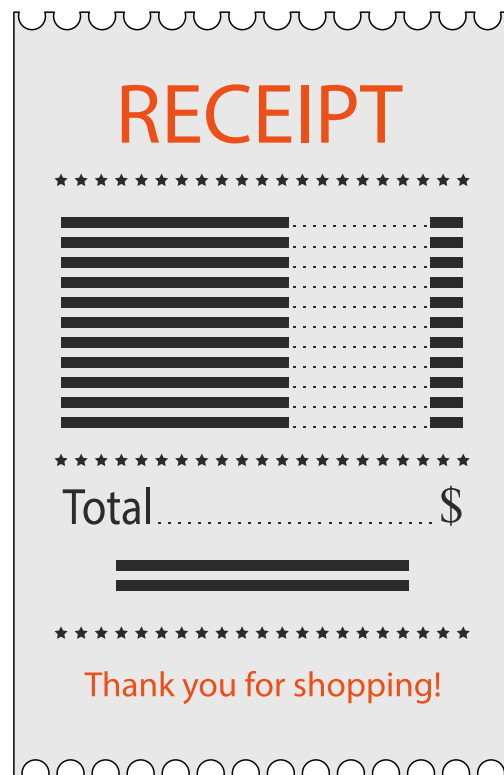


Nintendo Switch



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Game Console Receipt Example



Order Details [Print Receipt](#) [Print PDF Receipt](#)

BEST BUY Receipt

Purchase Date: Nov 24, 2023 Order Number: 88701-00622879044 Total: \$424.99 Payment Details [+](#)

Payment Method	Order Summary										
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Shipping Address
 Home Office
 8700 Irving Way Dr
 Jacksonville, FL 32217
 US

Microsoft - Xbox Series X|S Console - Black

	SKU: 0001-10001	New Total*	\$424.99	Support Options
	Model: 0001	Product Price	\$424.99	
	SKU: 40004	Taxes, Fees & Surcharges	\$0.00	
	Quantity: 1	*This total will vary with your Regional Law options.		

Return for a refund to the original retailer. Offer a Return

No Longer Available
 Return period ended Jan 15, 2024.

3/28/2024, 4:24 PM

*** This purchase can only be made by FES-UA scholarship families!**

Game Console Receipt Example Continued

Order Details

BEST BUY Receipt

Purchase Date: July 25, 2023 Order Number: 89704903383008 Total: \$1,957.00

Payment Method: Visa [Last digit: 8214] \$1,957.00

Order Summary

Product Total	\$1,957.00
Change Refunded	\$0.00
Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges	\$0.00
Order Total	\$1,957.00
Return Credit	\$0.00

Shipment One
Delivered on July 28, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US

~~JBL - FLIPS Portable Waterproof Speaker - Teal~~

Model: JBLFLIPTEALUM	Item Total*	\$89.99
SKU: 6488912	Product Price:	\$89.99
Quantity: 1	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

Shipment Two
Delivered on July 27, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US

JBL - FLIPS Portable Waterproof Speaker - Blue

7/29/2023

Best Buy Order Details

Apple Watch SE 2nd Generation (GPS) 40mm Aluminum Case with Midnight Sport Band - ML - Midnight

Serial: MNT2LLJA	Item Total*	\$229.00
Model: MNT2LLJA	Product Price:	\$229.00
SKU: 6540038	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

~~Apple Watch SE 2nd Generation (GPS) 40mm Aluminum Case with White Sport Band - ML - Silver~~

Serial: MNT2LLJA	Item Total*	\$229.00
Model: MNT2LLJA	Product Price:	\$229.00
SKU: 6540038	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
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Shipment Six
Delivered on July 26, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US

Apple - AirPods (3rd generation) with Lightning Charging Case - White

Serial: 3C0C2N822	Item Total*	\$169.00
Model: MPT211AMA	Product Price:	\$169.00
SKU: 4376031	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

~~Apple - AirPods (3rd generation) with Lightning Charging Case - White~~

Serial: 3C0C2N822	Item Total*	\$169.00
Model: MPT211AMA	Product Price:	\$169.00
SKU: 4376031	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

Digital Item One

Ready to Redeem E Mail Delivery

We emailed you instructions on how to redeem your item. rcsmith@gmail.com

Best Buy Order Details

JBL - FLIPS Portable Waterproof Speaker - Blue

Model: JBLFLIPBLUEM	Item Total*	\$89.99
SKU: 6488912	Product Price:	\$89.99
Quantity: 1	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

Shipment Three
Delivered on July 27, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US

Switch Neon Joy-Con + Mario Kart 8 Deluxe (GameDownload) + 3 Month Nintendo Switch Online Individual Membership

Serial: X0070000300000	Item Total*	\$209.99
Model: HAD3KABLH	Product Price:	\$209.99
SKU: 6523412	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

Shipment Four
Delivered on July 27, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US

Mits - Quest 2 Resident Evil 4 Bundle - 120GB

Model: 800-00491-011	Item Total*	\$699.99
SKU: 6522220	Product Price:	\$699.99
Quantity: 1	Sales Tax, Fees & Surcharges:	\$0.00

Product Support
Review for a chance to win a \$400 gift card. Write a Review

Shipment Five
Delivered on July 30, 2023

Shipping Address
Crystal Fallon
5308 KEYSTONE DR N
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 US



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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: Are you allowed to use another address other than your home address such as your work address or a P.O. Box address to prevent theft of delivery's and or damage for MyScholarShop purchases?

Answer: No MyScholarShop orders will ship to the physical address listed in the guardian profile in EMA or the Legacy System

Question: How to use rollover funds for extra tuition payments?

Answer: You may use your rollover funds to pay tuition by submitting a reimbursement with the following documentation

- School invoice
- Proof of payment
- Tuition and fee schedule
- Please see page numbers 28-30 in the FES-UA Handbook for a complete list of the reimbursement requirements

Question: Are Rental fees an approved expense for musical instruments?

Answer: Yes rental fees are an approved expense.



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New Provider Survey

HELP NEEDED

[New Provider Survey](#)



We are actively looking for committed tutors, as well as afterschool and summer programs, to help families achieve their academic aspirations. If you are aware of any qualified tutors or programs in the counties mentioned below, we would be immensely grateful for your assistance. Please take a moment to fill out the brief survey linked [here](#). Your input can have a meaningful impact on a child's educational experience. Thank you for your support.

- Citrus
- Gilcrest
- Glades
- Gulf
- Hardee
- Hamilton
- Hendry
- Jefferson
- Lafayette
- Levy
- Liberty
- Madison
- Monroe
- Taylor
- Union
- Wakulla



Scholarship Change Request

How can you change a student's scholarship program or decline their award?

**Please contact our Customer Engagement Center at:
877-735-7837**

Required Information That you will need to provide on the call

- Guardian's Name
- Guardian's e-mail address
- Student's Name and Student ID
- Reason for Change
- Preferred Scholarship Changes



Award ID vs Student ID

Student ID:
Provide this number when speaking with the Engagement Center to change your student's scholarship program or declining your current scholarship.

A screenshot of the Scholarship Portal interface. The page title is "Scholarship Portal". At the top, there are three main action buttons: "Apply For Scholarship", "Open Student Learning Plan", and "New Reimbursement". Below these, the "Student Profile" section is visible, with an "EDIT" button. The profile includes fields for Student ID, Name (TestKH Test), DOB (6/15/2018), Gender (Male), Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino), Race (Black or African American), and Relationship To You. To the right of the profile, there is a "Current Funds Available" section showing "New Worlds Scholarship Accounts" with a balance of "\$0.00". Below that, 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 present next to the application details. A red arrow points from the text on the left to the Student ID field, and a blue arrow points from the text on the right to the Award ID field.

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



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2024-2025 Purchasing Guide

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES (FES-UA)

Purchasing Guide

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Parent/Guardian Handbook



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

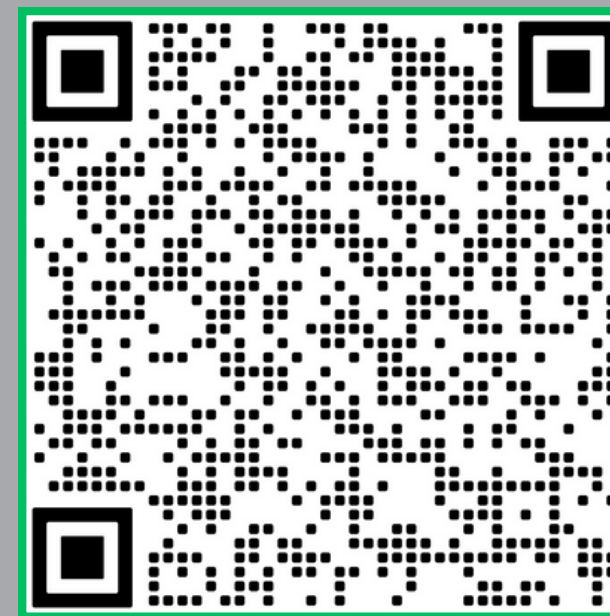


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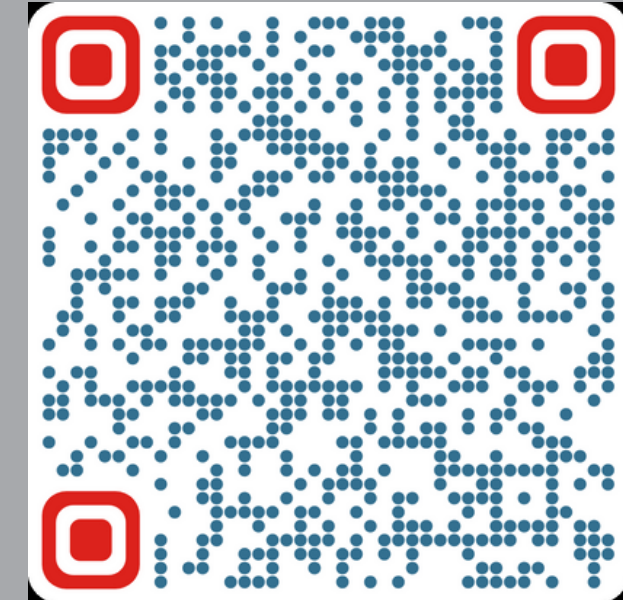
Previous FES-UA Open Houses



[August Open House](#)



[September Open House](#)



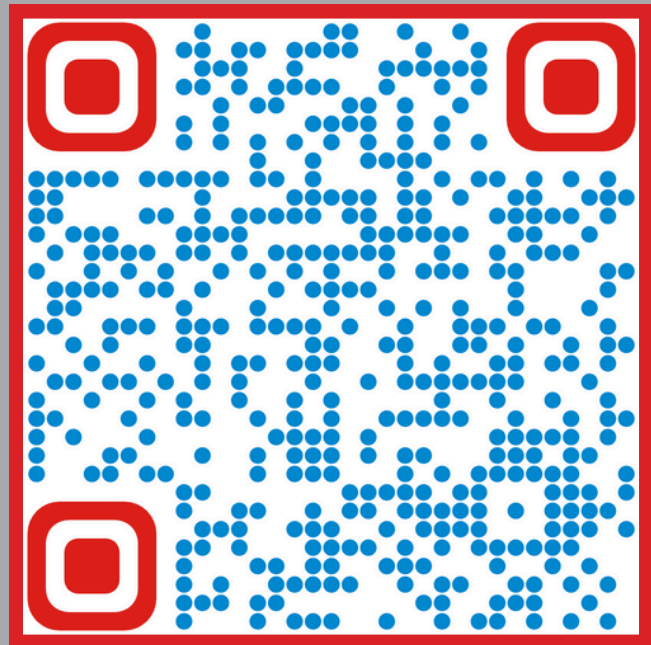
[October Open House](#)



Up Coming Open Houses

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

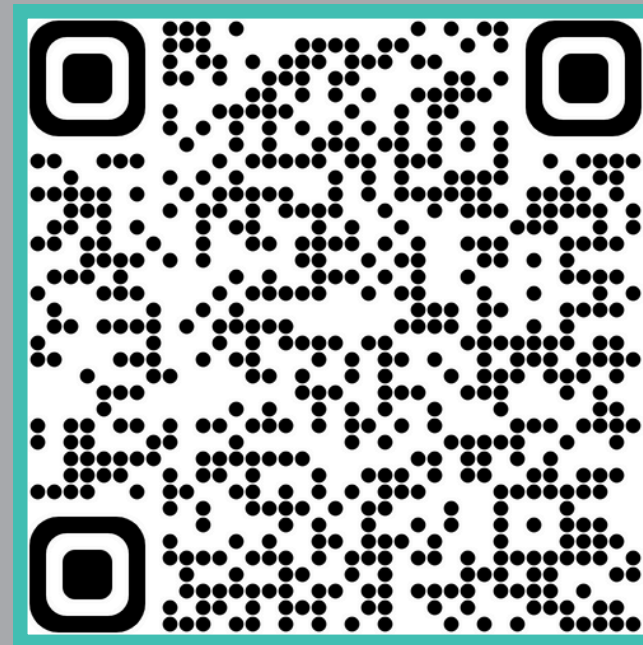
REGISTER NOW!



[Transportation Open House](#)
January 15, 2024



[New World Open House](#)
January 08, 2024



[FTC/FES-EO Open House](#)
January 09, 2024



[FES-UA Open House](#)
January 16, 2024



[PEP Open House](#)
January 23, 2024



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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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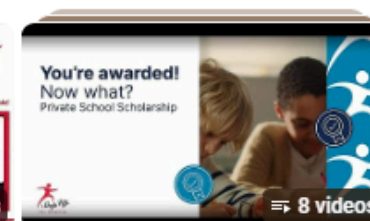
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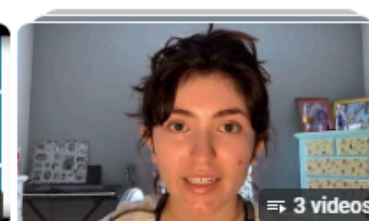
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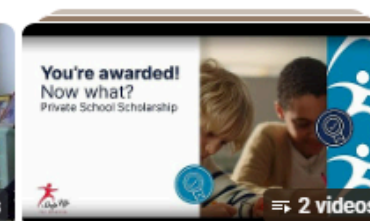
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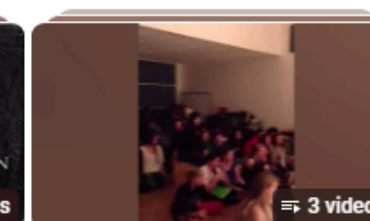
Income-based scholarships testimonials
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The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship
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The Gardiner Scholarship
[View full playlist](#)



Thank you from our Step Up families
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Contact Us

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



Chat with us sufs.org



877-735-7837



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Thank you for attending!

To honor your family time during the holiday season, all December Open Houses will be pre-recorded. We hope this allows you to access the information at your convenience.

We will see you in January 2025!

[Registration Link](#)





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HOLIDAYS