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<u>Subject:</u> Important updates for families impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Date: 10/29/2024

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. Chat with a live agent at <u>www.sufs.org</u>. Please <u>click here</u> to view our contact information.





Hurricane Updates

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2024 Replacement of Items Due to Hurricane

Permanent change of address within Florida (current scholarship students) J.

If you were displaced and have permanently relocated within Florida, please log in to EMA and update your physical and mailing addresses. This is done by clicking on the "Profile" icon in the top right-hand corner of your Dashboard in EMA.

Please note:

- The updated physical and mailing addresses must be in Florida.
- been updated in MyScholarShop before placing an order.

MyScholarShop orders due to temporary displacement within Florida (current scholarship students)

If you have been displaced and need to make a MyScholarShop purchase, please log in to EMA and update ONLY your mailing address before placing your order. This is done by clicking on the "Profile" icon in the top right-hand corner of your Dashboard in EMA.

Please note:

- The updated mailing address must be in Florida.
- been updated in MyScholarShop before placing an order.
- Items damaged or broken beyond repair due to the hurricane (current scholarship students) F.

If an item purchased with scholarship funds is damaged or broken beyond repair due to one or both hurricanes, please click here to learn about the options available to you.

Declining your student's scholarship (current scholarship students)

If your student has been awarded a scholarship for the 2024-25 school year and, due to aa hurricane, you no longer need it or are interested in a different scholarship program, please decline your student's current scholarship by calling us at 1-877-735-7837. Please note: This is the only way to decline your student's scholarship.

Once your student's scholarship status is updated to "Declined" in EMA, you may apply for a different scholarship, if interested.

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<u>Subject:</u> Thankful for Reading

Date: 11/07/2024

New Worlds Scholarship Accounts

Dear Parent/Guardian,

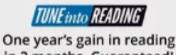
There is a lot to be thankful for this season. This fall, we're thankful for the opportunity to support your child's education through the New Worlds Scholarship Accounts and reading programs like Tune into Reading.

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."



in 3 months. Guaranteed!







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? <u>Click here</u> to watch a quick 5-minute presentation about Tune into Reading and how to purchase it on MyScholarShop. 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 <u>EMA</u>. 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 <u>www.sufs.org</u>. Please <u>click here</u> to view our contact information.

Thank you,

Step Up For Students





New Worlds Scholarship Accounts Application

Apply Now...

Program funding is limited. Please apply as soon a first-come, first-served basis.

<u>Please note:</u> There is no guarantee additional funds will become available once the program reaches capacity. Awarded students will receive an email notification if they are awarded a scholarship after the initial capacity is reached.

Scholarship Update



as possible. Applications are sent to the Department of Education on



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 can be made directly from the ESA.



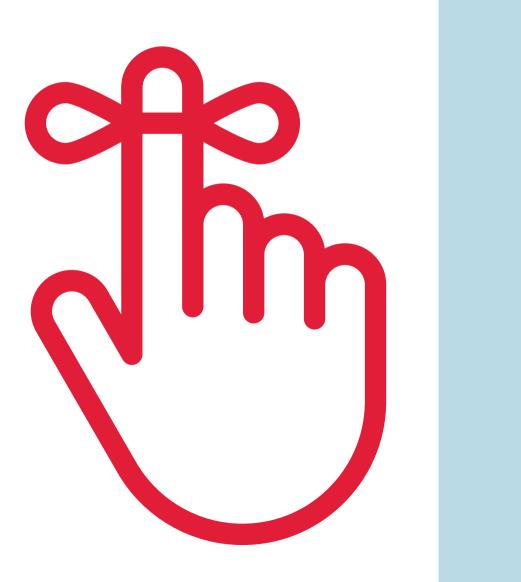
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Scholarship Update-Funding

- 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.



Scholarship Update-Funding



- EMA.
- Once funds have been deposited into the student's account, parents and
- MyScholarShop.
- as the account remains active.

• Parents and guardians may view their student's funding status by logging into

guardians may use the scholarship funds for a variety of products and services.

• 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

• Any unused funds will be rolled over for use in subsequent school years, as long



What is ScholarSHOP?

- fin any upfront cost.
- Items available through MyScholarShop are preapproved for purchase Jm using New Worlds Scholarship Accounts funds.
- If you do not see an item in MyScholarShop, please contact us to ally request that it be added.
- Access to MyScholarShop will be activated within a few days of a th 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.



MyScholarShop is an educational e-purchasing platform built to assist in purchasing instructional materials using scholarship funds without



What is ScholarSHOP?



Benefits of the MyScholarShop

- 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!



MyScholarShop vendors are paid directly through your child's



What is ScholarSHOP? BUY-

multiple orders may cause delays.

MyScholarShop before ordering.

Make sure there are enough available funds in your student's scholarship account to cover the entire purchase.

the State of Florida or to a post office box.



- ^{*} When purchasing multiple items, include all items in one order. Creating
- The first digital device purchased does not require pre-authorization. Subsequent purchases of digital devices must be pre-authorized through
- MyScholarShop orders cannot be shipped to an address that is outside of



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Before shopping on MyScholarShop, parents and guardians must confirm their residential mailing address in their guardian profile in EMA.

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If the address is incorrect in EMA, a parent or guardian must update it with their current, correct Florida residential address and allow 2-3 business days for the new address to populate in MyScholarShop.

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Step Up For Students will not be responsible for any purchases shipped to an address that is not correctly entered into EMA or has not been updated to the current address.

Making Purchases through MyScholarShop



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Hurricane Address Update



Stepup New Worlds Scholarship Accounts

MyScholarShop New Vendor Alert



| Company Name | Description of Services | Website |
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| 🔆 Scholar Within | 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. | https://scholarwithin.com/ |
| | The Storytime Box is a unique book box for children with fun, educational themes, curated by an experienced teacher. Each box contains an age-appropriate children's book, learning & development info, an educational activity sheet, and special perks such as toys and craft projects. We offer four different boxes based on age/reading level. | https://www.thestorytimebox.com/ |



Parent/Guardian Handbooks





NWSA Parent/Guardian Handbook



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NEW WORLDS SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK



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

provide on the call

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

<u>Required Information That you will need to</u>



• Student's Name and Student ID



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.

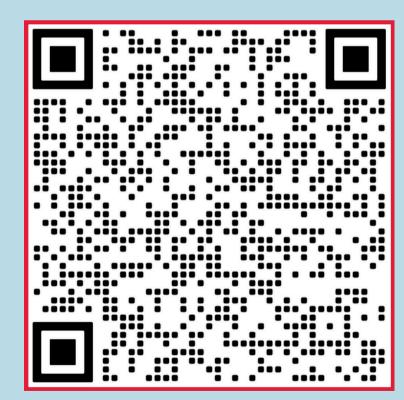
| Education Market Assistant | Scholarship Portal | | | ²⁵ |
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| My Students | Student Profile | EDIT | Current Funds Available New Worlds Scholarship Accounts \$0.00 | |
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| | Name | TestKH Test | Applications New Worlds Scholarship Accounts | |
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| | Gender | Male | | |
| | Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | | |
| | Race BI | ack or African American | | |
| | Relationship To You | | | |
| | Student FLEID number | | | |

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

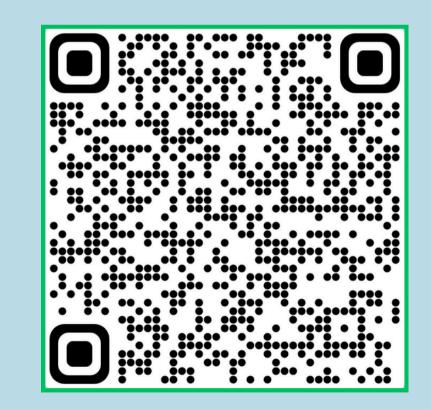


Past NWSA **Open Houses**

In case you missed it...



September <u>Open House</u>

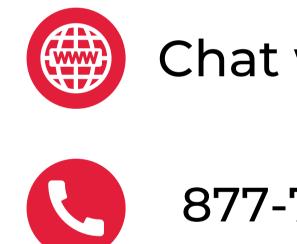


September Open House - Spanish



Contact Us

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



Chat with us: <u>sufs.org</u>

877-735-7837



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