



Florida Choice Scholarships

PRIVATE SCHOOL FAMILY HANDBOOK

(FES-EO & FTC)



SUMMARY OF CHANGES
for the 2025-26 Academic Year

INTRODUCTION

Note that the revisions are based on survey results and input solicited from the public comments virtual sessions conducted in the spring of 2025.

QUALIFYING AND APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadlines

Added:

- Renewal students who miss the April 30 application deadline or the May 31 accept/decline deadline will be treated as new applicants

Proof of Residency (POR)

Added:

- Residential internet bill as acceptable POR document

AUTHORIZED USES OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Added:

- Link to FLDOE's eligible postsecondary institution web page

GENERAL PURCHASING PROVISIONS

Added:

- The Educational Benefit Form requirement

Clarified:

- Policy prohibiting receiving payments, refunds, or rebates of scholarship funds

SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Removed:

- References to the Florida School For Competitive Academics, as it no longer exists

FUNDING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Funding Schedule

Added:

- Messaging that it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to approve any eligible invoices in EMA

Funding Continuation and Rollover

Added:

- Information about scholarship account maximum balances allowed by law

Accrued Interest

Added:

- Description of when accrued interest is deposited into student accounts

Reimbursement Timing

Added:

- Information about fees that are eligible to be paid to a private school or HEIP program before the school year paid for begins

DOCUMENTING ELIGIBLE USES

Required Supporting Documentation

Added:

- Information for private school tuition using tuition management systems

Physical Education (P.E.)

Removed:

- Requirement that student's name and instructor's name be included on an invoice or receipt

FLDOE Approved Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Added:

- Link to FLDOE Pre-Apprenticeship Program web page

Documentation of Credentials

Added:

- Credentials must be provided in English for Part-Time Tutoring and Choice Navigator services
- Full LinkedIn profile may be used to verify provider employment history

REIMBURSEMENT TIMING

- Included post-secondary institutions and dual enrollment as eligible for advance reimbursements

Eligible Reimbursements for Advance Services

Added:

- Parents and guardians can apply for reimbursement for services up to four months in advance.

MYSCHOLARSHOP

- Removed MSS Status definitions, as they will be changing

PRE-AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

Added:

- Parents and guardians should allow up to sixty (60) days for pre-authorization requests to be reviewed and processed after all required documentation has been submitted.
- Deadline to submit pre-authorization requests of May 29, 2026