



Private School Scholarship Family Open House

December 14, 2023



Agenda

Scholarship Updates & Reminders

MyScholarShop: New Vendor Alert

Reimbursements

Frequently Asked Questions

Please note: We do not have the Q&A option available; but you can submit questions in the post-webinar survey.



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Scholarship Updates



DEADLINE APPROACHING:

FTC/FES-EO scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year are due
by 12/15/23 at 5 p.m. ET

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Additional information is needed to complete the processing of your FTC/FES-EO
scholarship application.

FTC/FES-EO scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year **MUST**
be submitted before 5 p.m. ET on Dec. 15, 2023.

Please take a moment now to [log into EMA](#) to view the status of your application
for your student(s) on your Dashboard. After logging in, you may complete your
application and/or submit your documents.

If you see an "On Hold" status, please click the blue "On Hold" link/text for more
information. The On Hold reason may be viewed underneath the comments
section on the "Application Details" page.

For additional information about how to view your application status, what each
status means, or how to upload documents within EMA, please [click here](#).

As a reminder, we cannot process applications until all documents have been
received. For more information about required documentation, please view the
[Scholarship Application Checklist](#).

Subject: Action needed by 12/15/23 for your 2023-
24 scholarship application
Sent: 11.20.23

CLOSING SOON

**FTC/FES-EO Scholarship
applications for this school
year are due by 12/15/23 at
5pm ET.**

Funding Timelines – Q3

- Student Enrollment Deadline: **January 1, 2024**. This list is sent to the FLDOE by the SFO.
- FLDOE send funds to SFO: **February 1, 2024**.
- SFO reconciles and sends funds to individual student accounts within 14 business days of receipt of funds.
 - Survey of EO parents to be sure they are still in the private school.
- Once student is Funded, an Invoice is created and shows for the school in EMA for approval.
- Q3 Payments should be made to schools between **February 21st - March 6th**.
- SUFS pays weekly. Approved Invoices by Friday will receive funds by following Friday.
- Payment takes 3-5 days for ACH transfer once initiated.

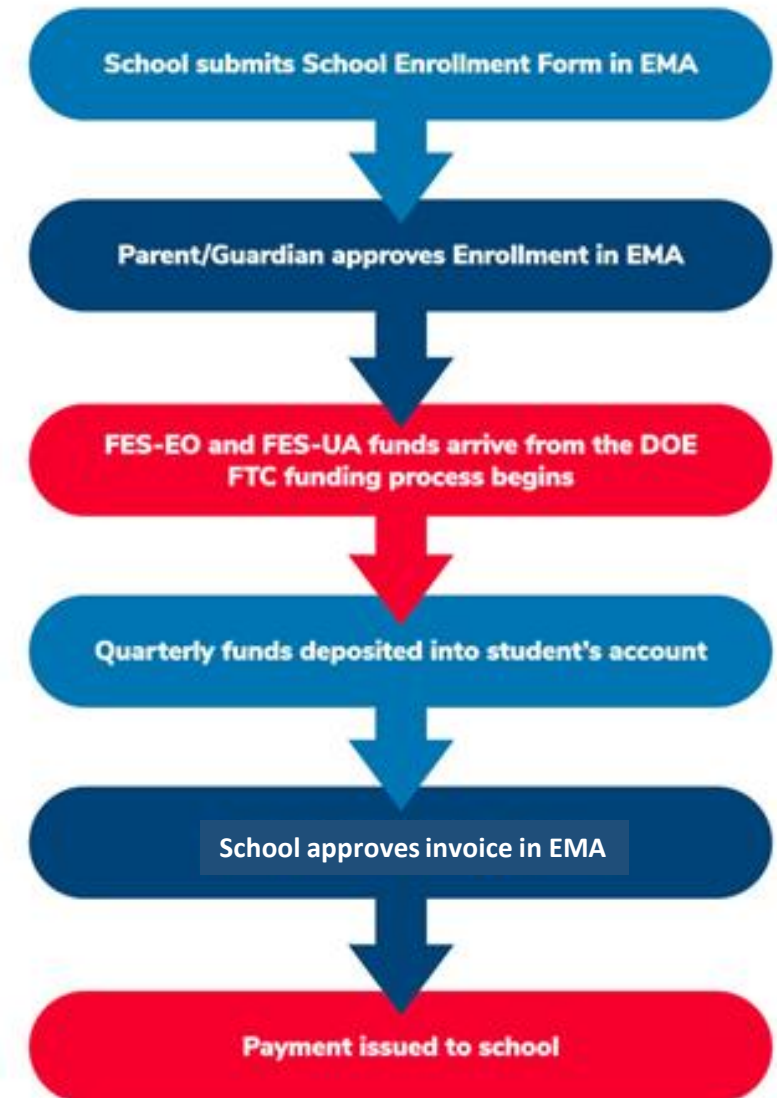
FTC/FES-EO Funding Timelines

Funding for the **Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC)** and the **Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES-EO)** comes from the State of Florida.

Funds will be deposited on a quarterly basis in the student's accounts by Step Up For Students. Step Up For Students will receive funding from the Department of Education on the following dates:

- August 1 (or when 75% of FTC has been obligated)
- November 1
- February 1
- April 1

Funds will be deposited into the students' accounts within two weeks of receiving the funds from the state. After funds have arrived, families will be notified by email. Please note, the dates above are for regularly scheduled funding distribution. Students who miss a regularly scheduled distribution may be paid in a supplemental payment.

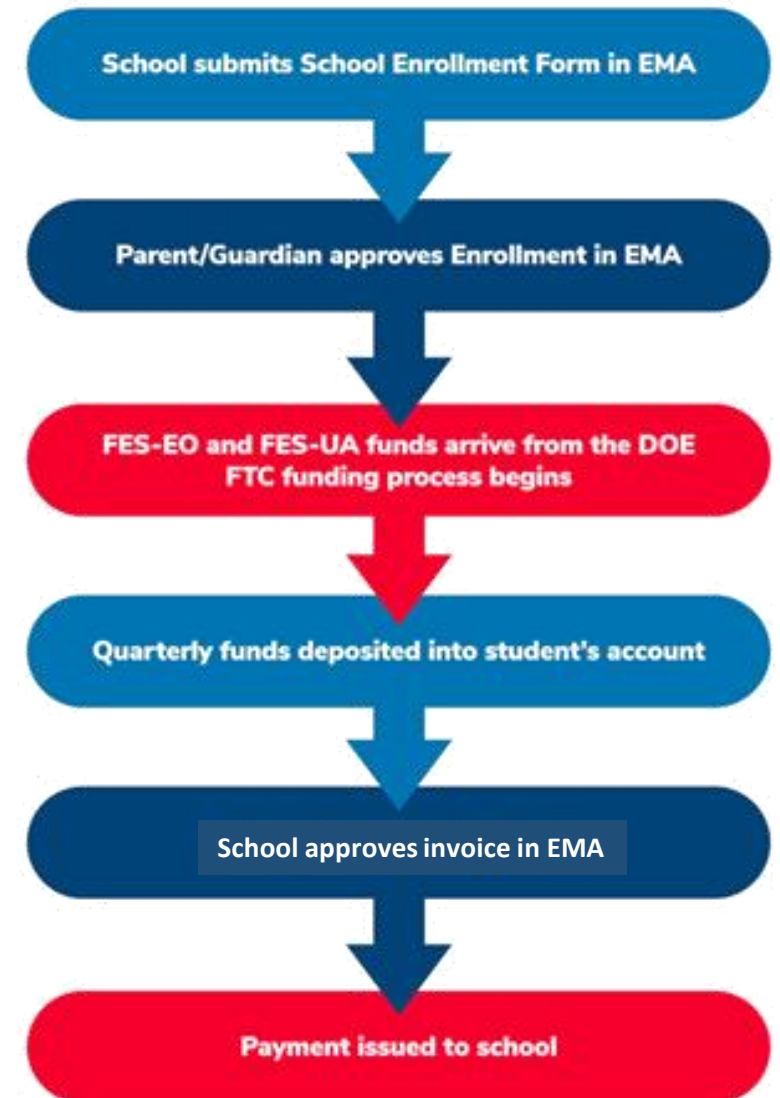


**For FTC/FES-EO students enrolled in a school*

FTC/FES-EO Funding Timelines cont.

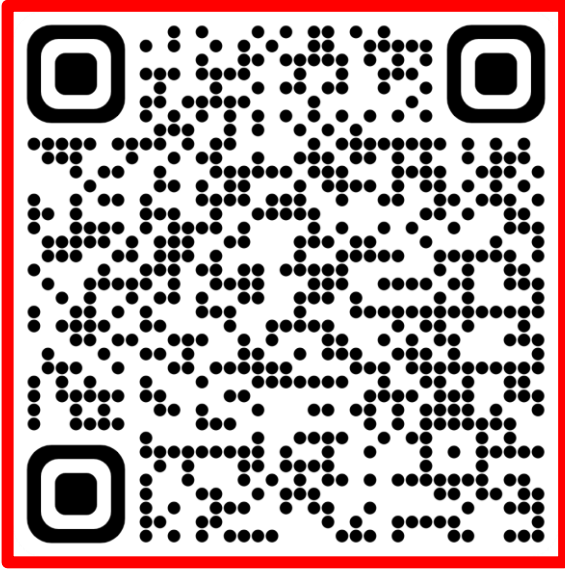
Scholarship funding is deposited into the student scholarship account four times a year for the Private School and PEP options, and at least twice a year for the Transportation option. Scholarship Funds for Private school and PEP students will be deposited into the student's scholarship account on or around the following dates:

- ~~Quarter 1: August 15 – September 15~~
- ~~Quarter 2: November 15 – December 1~~
- **Quarter 3: January 15 – February 1**
- Quarter 4: April 15 -May 1



**For FTC/FES-EO students enrolled in a school*

Funding Information and Resources



FTC/EO Parent Handbook



Purchasing Guide

NEW MyScholarShop VENDOR ALERT





MyScholarShop New Vendors



Raddish Kids: Raddish Clubs are for kids ages 4-14+. For all recipes, young children will enjoy working alongside an adult in the kitchen, while older kids will work more independently. The Baking Club features a Quick Bake and Star Bake recipe. The Star Bake consists of more steps and advanced skills, and may require more adult support for younger children and novice bakers.

Website: <https://raddishkids.com>



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Website: <https://parents.miacademy.co>





FTC/FES-EO Parent/Guardian Handbook

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The FTC/FES-EO parent handbook serves as a guide on how to utilize your scholarship funds.

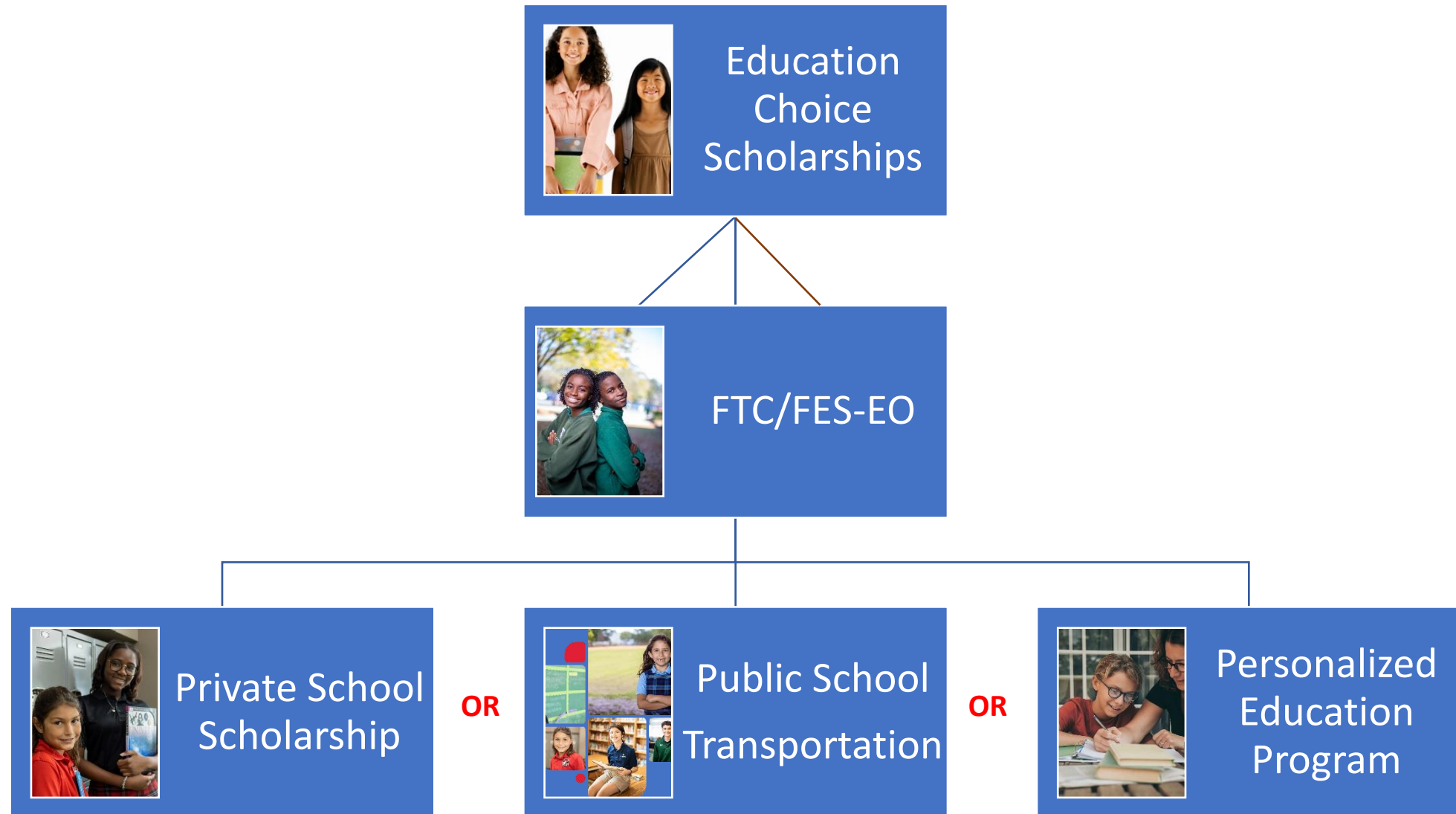
Over the next few slides, we will show you where to find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions we get about the FTC/FES-EO scholarship.

Choosing a Program

All scholarship awards default to an eligible private school award. Upon Award Notification, the family may choose to pursue the Transportation or PEP scholarship options. If you are interested in one of these options, please be sure to indicate your interest using the form provided to you in your Award Notification email as soon as possible. Students will be moved into the PEP program based on household income priority.

The PEP program has a capacity limit of 20,000 students for the 23'-24' school year and has reached capacity for this school year. We are currently on a waitlist for this program.

How the FTC/FES-EO Scholarships Work: K-12 Students

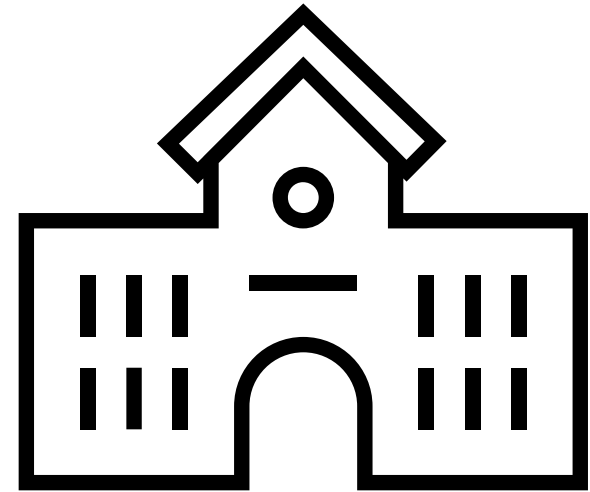


Families can only use ONE scholarship program per student! Requests to switch to another scholarship program must be submitted to our Service Center!

Prorated Award Amounts

The student's funding is based on the latest of the following three factors:

1. the date of the student's scholarship award
2. the student's first day of attendance at the school
3. or the date the school became compliant with the Florida DOE



Transferring Schools

One of the benefits of the Private School Scholarship is that it can be transferred to another private school of your choice.

Before you withdraw your student from the private school:

1. you should notify the school
2. understand the school's policy regarding transferring to another school.

Step Up For Students will not transfer a scholarship until it has confirmation of the student's withdrawal from the school and notification from the new eligible, participating private school of the student's start date.

If a student transfers to a different participating school in the same quarter, the first school the student attended for 10 days or more in the quarterly payment period will receive the full quarter's payment.

Continuing Program Eligibility

Scholarship Renewal

Students must complete a renewal application each school year in order to receive additional funding and remain active in the FES-EO/FTC program.

Students who do not renew and receive FES-EO/FTC funding and “sit out” a year will lose renewal status and priority.

Students who leave the FES-EO/FTC program and who choose to later reapply for an FES-EO/FTC Scholarship will be considered new students.

If your student returns to public school, does not renew program participation, or otherwise leaves the program, turns 21, or graduates high school but still has funds remaining in their account, your student may continue to spend scholarship funds that are in their account from prior years unless the account must be closed pursuant to Florida statute.

Continuing Program Eligibility

Step Up For Students MUST be notified immediately if your scholarship student enrolls in one of the options listed below, or if you move out of state. Failure to do so could result in a loss of funding, loss of future eligibility, or financial or criminal penalties.

- Public school or any full-time public-school classes
- Charter school
- Services funded through the Florida Education Finance Program or Florida Virtual School – as a public-school student, **not** as a scholarship, private-pay student
- Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA)
- Hope Scholarship program
- New Worlds Scholarship Account

If your scholarship student is placed in any residential program, it is important that you ask about the mandatory school attendance requirement while the student is in the program. If the program uses any Florida public school option (district school, charter school, Florida Virtual School), the student's scholarship will be in jeopardy. If the program uses a private school option, if the private school is an eligible, participating private school, your student's scholarship funds may be available to cover the cost of tuition and fees while the student is attending.

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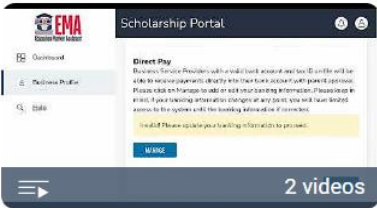
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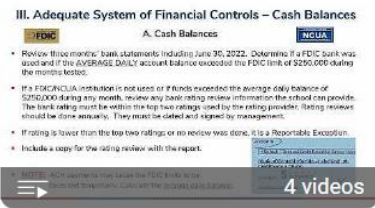
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