

# Military Application Information



## Qualifications

### The Private School and PEP Scholarships are available to students who are:

- Applying as new students who have not received this scholarship previously:
  - Dependent children of active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who are Florida residents or have received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to move to Florida, and
  - Eligible to enroll in grades K – 12 in a Florida public school or received a Hope Scholarship in the 2023-24 school year.
- Applying as renewal students who received funding on the PEP scholarship in the 2024-25 school year:
  - Dependent children of active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida and have received PCS orders to move outside of Florida.

### The Unique Abilities Scholarship is available to students who are:

- Age three (3) or older (with a 3rd birthday on or before December 31 of the year their parent or guardian applies for a scholarship) and eligible to enroll in a Florida public school (if applicable for their age);
- Less than twenty-two (22) years old;
- Diagnosed with one of the following conditions: Anaphylaxis, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Emotional or Behavioral Disability, Hearing Impairment, including deafness, High-Risk Child, Hospital or Homebound, Identification as Dual Sensory Impaired, Intellectual Disability (severe cognitive impairment), Language Impairment, Muscular Dystrophy, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Rare Diseases (defined by NORD) , Specific Learning Disability, Speech Impairment, Spina Bifida, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment, including blindness, Williams Syndrome.
- Applying as new students who have not received this scholarship previously:
  - Dependent children of active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who are Florida residents or who have received PCS orders to move into Florida
- Applying as renewal students who received funding on the Unique Abilities Scholarship in the 2024-25 school year:
  - Dependent children of active-duty members of the United States Armed whose home record or state of legal residence is Florida and have received PCS orders outside of Florida;

**NOTE: Multiple Applications Prohibited: Scholarship Program statutes prohibit a student from applying for more than one scholarship for the same student at the same time.**



## Proof of Residency

Active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces who do not have a Florida residential address at the time of application but have received PCS orders must provide a copy of their PCS orders in the application documents and list the Florida address of the unit to which they are being assigned or from which they are being relieved.

### **Proof of Residency for Active-Duty Military Families Moving into Florida:**

- Students who are dependent children of active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces with Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to move into Florida but who have not yet established residency: the parent or guardian should:
  - Upload the PCS orders in the Proof of Residency section of the scholarship application.
  - Be sure the physical address in their guardian profile matches the newly assigned unit address on the PCS orders they submit.

Once residency in Florida is established, update your physical address in your guardian profile in EMA and provide updated Proof of Residency documents.

### **Proof of Residency for Active-Duty Military Families Living outside of Florida: (renewal students only)**

- Upload the PCS orders in the Proof of Residency section of the scholarship application.
- If you do not have a current Florida residence for which you can provide proof of residency, the physical address in your guardian profile should match the Florida unit address from which you were relieved.

**NOTE: Military families moving out of Florida should also upload a Leave and Earnings Statement or IRS Domicile 2058 in the student information section of the application, documenting that Florida is your home of record or state of legal residence.**

## Application Deadline Exception

Dependents of active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces can apply for a scholarship at any time during the school year. Parents will need to call Step Up For Students at **(877) 735-7837** to have an application opened for their student.