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## Apply now to <u>RENEW</u> your student's Family Empowerment Scholarship or Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for the 2021-22 school year!

Please read this entire document before applying.

## **IMPORTANT:**

- If your student utilized the <u>Family Empowerment Scholarship</u> or the Florida Tax <u>Credit Scholarship</u> for the 2020-21 school year, you MUST renew their scholarship for the 2021-22 school year with Step Up For Students through the income-based application by <u>clicking here</u>.
- The income-based scholarship is a once-in, always-in program. This means that students who utilized the scholarship in 2020-21, may be automatically awarded a scholarship for the 2021-22 school year, regardless of household income. <a href="However, you MUST apply to secure your student's scholarship">However, you MUST apply to secure your student's scholarship</a>.
  - Siblings added to a renewal student's application may also be automatically eligible for an income-based scholarship.
  - When completing your application, please make sure all of your income-based scholarship students are listed as 'students,' regardless of which scholarship they had the previous school year.
  - o In order to submit an application, you will be asked to attach supporting documentation, but it will not affect your scholarship eligibility or award.

## Application Login Information:

- We strongly recommend using <u>Google Chrome</u> as your browser when applying or navigating your Step Up For Students account.
- To begin a 2021-22 income-based application, please <u>click here</u>.
  - If you already have a Step Up For Students account, you must use your existing username and password. If you do not remember your login

- information, please click on the link above and then click on *I forgot my* password or User ID.
- Due to increased volume to our site, you may experience issues logging in to your Step Up account. If you encounter this issue, please continue to check back.
- Please review your scholarship status right after submitting your application to check your award. If you have not been awarded a scholarship automatically, your application will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and processing times can take up to two-weeks.
- Don't delay. As always funds are limited, and scholarships are not guaranteed.

Please note: New families (those whose students did not use an income-based scholarship for the 2020-21 school year) will be able to apply sometime in March.

Apply Now

For questions, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:info@stepupforstudents.org">info@stepupforstudents.org</a>, or call our Service Center at 877-735-7837, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET. You may also utilize online chat by simply going to our website.

We look forward to helping you and your children on this academic journey.

Step Up For Students

Please note: This message does not apply to the Gardiner Scholarship Program (for children with certain special needs) or the Hope Scholarship (for students who are bullied).

P.S. - <u>Help us spread the word:</u> Do you know someone who might benefit from a Step Up For Students Scholarship for the 2021-22 school year? Tell them to visit www.StepUpForStudents.org to learn more.

