

Reading Scholarship Accounts



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THE READING ESA: A LEARNING OPTION FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Florida became the first state to offer an education savings account (ESA) program for students enrolled in public schools. The program offers parents of public school students in third- through fifth-grade access to education savings accounts, worth \$500 each, to pay for tuition and fees related to part-time tutoring, summer and after-school literacy programs, instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy.

2018-19 FAST FACTS

2,091 students funded

\$500 scholarship amount

Students in 54 counties participate

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Tuition and fees for part-time tutoring
- ✓ Fees for summer education programs to improve reading or literacy
- ✓ Instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy
- ✓ Fees for after-school education programs designed to improve reading or literacy

Top 10 Counties

Orange	635
Pasco	144
Clay	121
Manatee	118
Sarasota	117
Hillsborough	113
St. Johns	97
Palm Beach	75
Polk	72
Pinellas	58

Eligibility

- Students must be in the third- through fifth-grade
- Must have scored a 1 or 2 on the Third or Fourth grade English Language Arts section of the Florida Standards Assessment in the prior year
- Students classified as English Language Learners receive priority
- Must remain enrolled in a public school



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