

# GARDINER SCHOLARSHIP



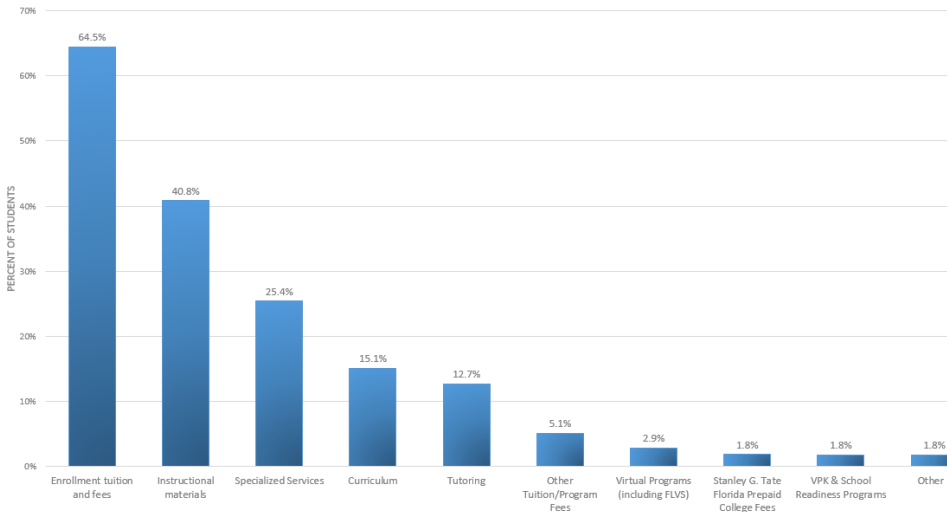
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The **Gardiner Scholarship** program allows parents to personalize the education of their special-needs children by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. The Gardiner Scholarship amount varies per grade and county of residence. The average scholarship is around \$10,000, and funds may be rolled over from year to year. Step Up For Students funded 9,202 scholarships for the 2018-19 school year.

2016 - 2017 GARDINER SPENDING

Percentage of students who spent a portion of their award in each spending category



## 2018-19 FAST FACTS:

9,202 scholarships funded

Average scholarship amount = \$10,400

\$124.6 million in scholarship funding

More than 3,000 participating providers

## WHO QUALIFIES?

Florida students 3 years old through 12th grade, or age 22, with one of the following diagnoses:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Cerebral Palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Phelan-McDermid Syndrome
- Prader-Willi Syndrome
- Spina Bifida
- Williams Syndrome
- Intellectual Disability (severe cognitive impairment)
- Deaf, visually impaired, or dual sensory impaired
- Hospital homebound, brain injury and more



## ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:

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| ✓ Private school tuition & fees       | ✓ Specialized summer & after school programs |
| ✓ Part-time & full-time tutoring      | ✓ Instructional Materials                    |
| ✓ Therapy                             | ✓ Public school services                     |
| ✓ Postsecondary & transition programs | ✓ Online courses                             |

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