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 $10,400, and funds may be rolled over from year to year. The Florida Legislature appropriated $147.9 million for 2019-20.

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

2019-20 FAST FACTS:
- 13,219 students funded
- Average scholarship = $10,303 (2019-20)
- $136.8 million in funded scholarships
- More than 9,000 participating providers
- 1,959 participating private schools
- $19.2 million purchased on MyScholarShop to date
- 66,775 purchase orders on MyScholarShop to date

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:
- 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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