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. The Florida Legislature appropriated $147.9 million for 2019-20 which will allow another 2,000 students to be served.

**2018-19 FAST FACTS:**
- 11,529 scholarships funded
- Average scholarship = $9,975
- $124.6 million in scholarships
- More than 3,000 participating providers
- More than 51,000 purchases on MyScholarShop
- $15.3 million purchased on MyScholarShop
- Top Vendors: Best Buy, Lakeshore, Timberdoodle

**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:**
- 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