

Gardiner Scholarship



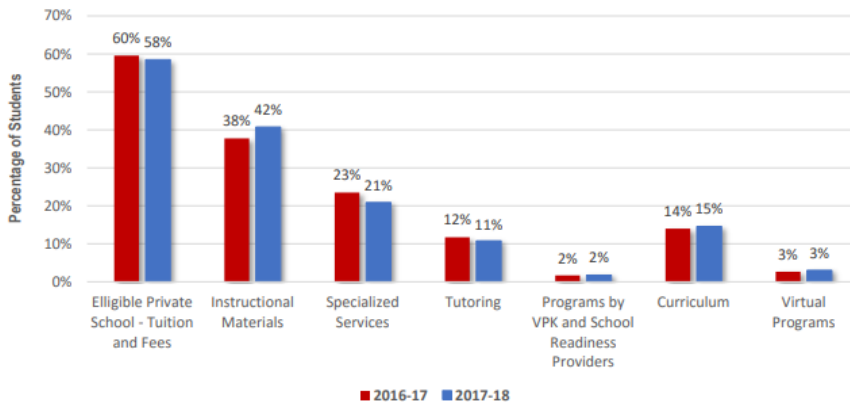
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The **Gardiner Scholarship** program allows parents to personalize the education of their special-needs children by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. The Gardiner Scholarship amount varies per grade and county of residence. The average scholarship is around \$10,400, and funds may be rolled over from year to year. The Florida Legislature appropriated \$147.9 million for 2019-20.

Student Spending

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



2019-20 FAST FACTS:

- 13,419 scholarships awarded
- Average scholarship = \$10,418 (2018-19)
- \$147.9 million in 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

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

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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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