



# FTC Scholarship Program

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## SB 2126

For detailed information on the FTC program, see the 2010 Legislative Session Bills at: <http://www.flsenate.gov>

## Scholarship Funding Organizations

### Step Up For Students

P.O. Box 54367  
Jacksonville, FL 32245-4367  
(866) 751-2543  
[info@stepupforstudents.org](mailto:info@stepupforstudents.org)

### The Carrie Meek Foundation

P.O. Box 1670  
Tampa, Florida 33601  
(866) 753-0987  
[info@meekscholarship.org](mailto:info@meekscholarship.org)  
(Serving select areas of Miami-Dade County)

### Lightbearers, Inc.

P.O. Box 10974  
Daytona Beach, FL 32120  
(386) 295-2898  
[president@lightbeareronline.org](mailto:president@lightbeareronline.org)  
(Serving Volusia and Flagler counties)

### Educate Today

1726 East 7th Ave., Ste 7  
Tampa, FL 33605  
(813) 938-7521  
[Glen@educatetoday.org](mailto:Glen@educatetoday.org)  
(Serving the Tampa Bay area)

## FLDOE Contacts

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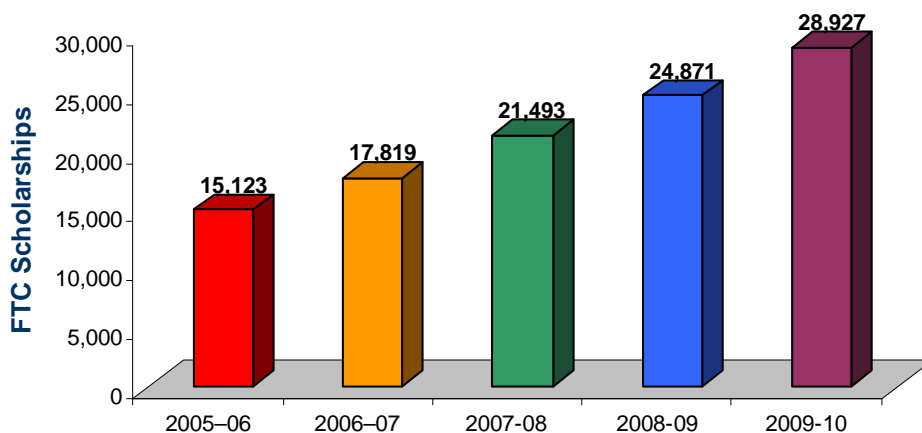
## Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program was established in 2001 to encourage private, voluntary contributions from corporate donors to non-profit scholarship funding organizations (SFOs) that award scholarships to children from low-income families. The program has since been expanded to include credits against the insurance premium tax for contributions to eligible non-profit SFOs, credits against severance taxes on oil and gas production, self-accrued sales tax liabilities of direct pay permit holders, and alcoholic beverage taxes on beer, wine, and spirits beginning in the 2010-11 school year. The maximum amount the state may award is \$140 million in credits for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

## Contributions Help Provide Choices for Parents

During the 2009-10 school year, scholarships of \$106 million were awarded to a total of 28,927 students enrolled in 1,033 participating Florida private schools. Participation in 2009-10 reflected an enrollment increase of over sixteen percent (16%) from the 2008-09 school year.

## FTC Scholarship Student Enrollments



## Scholarship Funding Organizations and Private School Partners

Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) are responsible for the receipt and distribution of contributed funds to eligible students attending participating Florida private schools. Scholarships are awarded to low-income students to attend a private school or assist with transportation costs to attend a public school in an adjacent district. In 2010-11, the scholarships to attend an eligible private school will be worth \$4,106 for private school tuition and fees. Currently, the four Scholarship Funding Organizations eligible to participate in the FTC Scholarship program are Step Up For Students, The Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc., Light Bearer's, Inc., and Educate Today.

## FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STATISTICS

<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p><b>Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) Participation:</b> Four SFOs participated in the 2009-10 school year.</p> <p><b>Deadline for <u>Application</u>:</b> Potential SFO must apply to the Department of Education by February 1</p> <p><b>Deadline for Students Applying for a Scholarship:</b> Determined by the SFO</p> <p><b>Deadline for <u>Private School Eligibility</u>:</b>          New Schools: None          Renewing Schools: March 1<sup>st</sup> to submit a Scholarship Compliance Form          May 1<sup>st</sup> for all other documentation</p>		
<b>SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS</b>	<b>2009 – 2010</b> <b>2008 – 2009</b> <b>2007 – 2008</b> <b>2006 – 2007</b> <b>2005 – 2006</b>	28,927 Students 24,871 Students 21,493 Students 17,819 Students 15,123 Students	
<b>STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN 2009 – 2010</b>	<p><b>Race/Ethnicity:</b></p> <p>White, Non Hispanic: 24%          Black, Non Hispanic: 37%          Hispanic: 25%          Asian/Pacific Islander: &lt;2%          Multiracial: &lt;6%          Unknown: 6%</p> <p><b>Gender:</b></p> <p>Female: 51%          Male: 49%</p>		
<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS</b>	<b>2009 – 2010</b> <b>2008 – 2009</b> <b>2007 – 2008</b> <b>2006 – 2007</b> <b>2005 – 2006</b>	1,033 Schools 1,002 Schools 933 Schools 948 Schools 895 Schools	
<b>TYPE OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN 2009 – 2010</b>	<b>Religious:</b> 79% <b>Non-Religious:</b> 21%		
<b>SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>Amount per Student</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Total</u></b>
	<b>2009 – 2010</b>	\$3,950	\$106,049,940
	<b>2008 – 2009</b>	\$3,950	\$88,626,463
	<b>2007 – 2008</b>	\$3,750	\$73,450,691
	<b>2006 – 2007</b>	\$3,750	\$59,300,655
	<b>2005 – 2006</b>	\$3,500	\$46,745,482
<b>STATUTORY AND RULE REFERENCES</b>	s. 1002.395, F.S.; s. 1002.421, F.S. Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C.; Rule 6A-6.0960, F.A.C.		