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Florida Tax Credit **Scholarship Program**

June 2015 Quarterly Report

This report contains private school and student statistics for the September 2014, November 2014, February 2015, and April 2015 payment periods of the 2014-2015 school year. Percentages are rounded.

-- Next quarterly report will be available: September 2015

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The 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. A corporation can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to 100% of its state income tax liability. The program also includes 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. The maximum amount the state may award was \$357.8 million in credits for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. This program expands educational opportunities and school choice for children of families that have limited financial resources.

Summary of the June 2015 FTC Quarterly Report

The June 2015 FTC Quarterly Report is also considered the annual report because it is based on the cumulative data submitted by the Scholarship Funding Organization for students who participated in the FTC Scholarship Program at any point during the 2014-2015 school year.

Step Up For Students and AAA Scholarship Foundation were the two approved participating SFOs for the 2014-15 school year.* Step Up For Students awarded a total of approximately \$344.8 million in FTC scholarships to 69,950 students enrolled in 1,533 participating Florida private schools.

The 69,950 students in 2014-2015 is an increase of 10,128 students over the 2013-2014 student total of 59,822 as reported in the June 2014 FTC Quarterly Report. This represents an enrollment increase of 17%. The 1,533 private schools participating in 2014-2015 represent an increase of 7% from the 1,429 private schools that participated during the 2013-2014 school year.

Some characteristics of the FTC student data include:

- Slightly more female students (51%) participate in the FTC program than male students (49%).
- Lower grade levels tend to have larger student enrollments. Students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 3 make up almost 51% of the scholarship recipients.
- The racial/ethnic breakdown reflects the diversity of students utilizing the FTC scholarship, which includes:
 - African-American students (30%)
 - Hispanic students (38%)
 - White students (24%)
 - Other students (8%)
- The top five districts (Dade, Orange, Broward, Duval, and Hillsborough) had over 40,000 students (57% of total participants) receiving approximately \$200 million in FTC scholarships (58% of total funding).

*At the time of this report, AAA Scholarship Foundation had not finalized its student records for reporting purposes.

FTC Student Participation and Funding by District

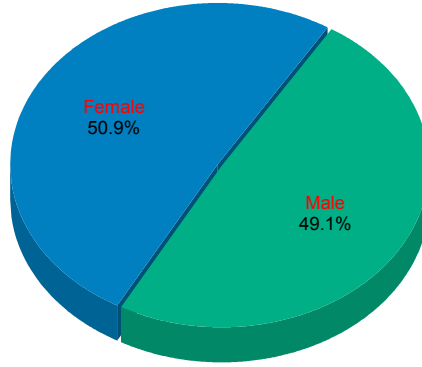
DISTRICTID	DISTRICT NAME	STUDENTS	STU%	TOTAL FUNDED	FUND%
1	ALACHUA	481	0.69%	2,380,560	0.69%
2	BAKER	55	0.08%	239,547	0.07%
3	BAY	103	0.15%	515,343	0.15%
4	BRADFORD	200	0.29%	970,250	0.28%
5	BREVARD	1,880	2.69%	8,871,521	2.57%
6	BROWARD	6,036	8.63%	30,389,994	8.81%
8	CHARLOTTE	317	0.45%	1,613,652	0.47%
9	CITRUS	398	0.57%	2,009,005	0.58%
10	CLAY	453	0.65%	2,091,876	0.61%
11	COLLIER	359	0.51%	1,820,836	0.53%
12	COLUMBIA	256	0.37%	1,221,891	0.35%
13	DADE	18,552	26.52%	92,885,718	26.93%
14	DESOTO	70	0.10%	341,404	0.10%
15	DIXIE	54	0.08%	262,993	0.08%
16	DUVAL	5,317	7.60%	25,986,751	7.53%
17	ESCAMBIA	1,065	1.52%	5,017,751	1.45%
18	FLAGLER	358	0.51%	1,785,655	0.52%
19	FRANKLIN	32	0.05%	82,205	0.02%
20	GADSDEN	299	0.43%	1,489,279	0.43%
21	GILCHRIST	52	0.07%	241,492	0.07%
22	GLADES	33	0.05%	111,293	0.03%
23	GULF	23	0.03%	67,544	0.02%
24	HAMILTON	68	0.10%	287,708	0.08%
25	HARDEE				
26	HENDRY	168	0.24%	736,598	0.21%
27	HERNANDO	546	0.78%	2,423,983	0.70%
28	HIGHLANDS	240	0.34%	1,174,654	0.34%
29	HILLSBOROUGH	3,066	4.38%	15,308,210	4.44%
30	HOLMES	15	0.02%	51,673	0.01%
31	INDIAN RIVER	190	0.27%	913,108	0.26%
32	JACKSON	62	0.09%	253,106	0.07%
33	JEFFERSON	41	0.06%	199,059	0.06%
34	LAFAYETTE	37	0.05%	171,500	0.05%
35	LAKE	951	1.36%	4,813,402	1.40%
36	LEE	818	1.17%	4,010,307	1.16%
37	LEON	454	0.65%	2,157,750	0.63%
38	LEVY	153	0.22%	773,980	0.22%
40	MADISON	17	0.02%	78,193	0.02%
41	MANATEE	530	0.76%	2,611,255	0.76%
42	MARION	1,419	2.03%	6,892,072	2.00%
43	MARTIN	236	0.34%	1,071,096	0.31%
44	MONROE	110	0.16%	557,483	0.16%
45	NASSAU	154	0.22%	737,359	0.21%
46	OKALOOSA	312	0.45%	1,532,058	0.44%
47	OKEECHOBEE	123	0.18%	589,823	0.17%
48	ORANGE	7,170	10.25%	35,464,896	10.28%
49	OSCEOLA	2,464	3.52%	12,194,305	3.54%
50	PALM BEACH	2,130	3.05%	10,809,533	3.13%
51	PASCO	1,021	1.46%	4,870,091	1.41%
52	PINELLAS	2,634	3.77%	12,979,599	3.76%
53	POLK	2,071	2.96%	9,851,792	2.86%
54	PUTNAM	255	0.36%	1,227,867	0.36%
55	ST. JOHNS	303	0.43%	1,452,079	0.42%
56	ST. LUCIE	989	1.41%	4,861,922	1.41%
57	SANTA ROSA	150	0.21%	662,103	0.19%
58	SARASOTA	525	0.75%	2,591,221	0.75%
59	SEMINOLE	937	1.34%	4,647,879	1.35%
60	SUMTER	76	0.11%	371,571	0.11%
61	SUWANNEE	263	0.38%	1,195,878	0.35%
62	TAYLOR	85	0.12%	326,721	0.09%
63	UNION	31	0.04%	118,513	0.03%
64	VOLUSIA	2,509	3.59%	12,421,701	3.60%
65	WAKULLA	76	0.11%	355,544	0.10%
66	WALTON	58	0.08%	275,760	0.08%
67	WASHINGTON	95	0.14%	441,208	0.13%
TOTAL:	65	69,950	100.00%	344,887,372	100.00%

Note: Blanks indicate less than 11 students per district and are not displayed but calculated in total in order to protect student confidentiality.

Private Schools by District Serving FTC Students

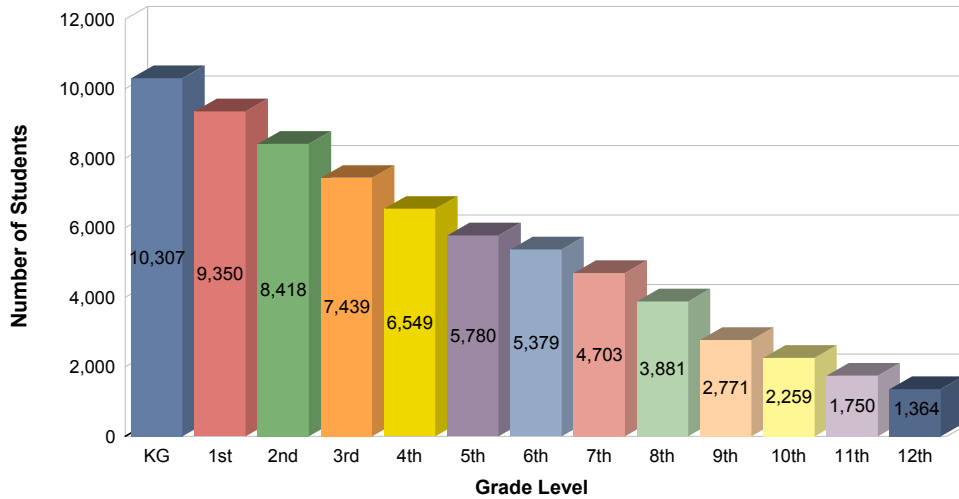
DISTRICT	DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOLS
1	ALACHUA	20
2	BAKER	2
3	BAY	5
4	BRADFORD	5
5	BREVARD	49
6	BROWARD	136
8	CHARLOTTE	10
9	CITRUS	6
10	CLAY	17
11	COLLIER	13
12	COLUMBIA	9
13	DADE	364
14	DESOTO	1
15	DIXIE	2
16	DUVAL	107
17	ESCAMBIA	21
18	FLAGLER	4
19	FRANKLIN	1
20	GADSDEN	3
21	GILCHRIST	2
22	GLADES	1
23	GULF	2
24	HAMILTON	3
25	HARDEE	1
26	HENDRY	4
27	HERNANDO	10
28	HIGHLANDS	8
29	HILLSBOROUGH	72
31	INDIAN RIVER	9
32	JACKSON	2
33	JEFFERSON	2
34	LAFAYETTE	1
35	LAKE	20
36	LEE	27
37	LEON	20
38	LEVY	3
40	MADISON	1
41	MANATEE	15
42	MARION	26
43	MARTIN	6
44	MONROE	2
45	NASSAU	6
46	OKALOOSA	8
47	OKEECHOBEE	4
48	ORANGE	122
49	OSCEOLA	32
50	PALM BEACH	49
51	PASCO	26
52	PINELLAS	75
53	POLK	44
54	PUTNAM	4
55	ST. JOHNS	10
56	ST. LUCIE	17
57	SANTA ROSA	5
58	SARASOTA	26
59	SEMINOLE	35
60	SUMTER	1
61	SUWANNEE	3
62	TAYLOR	2
63	UNION	1
64	VOLUSIA	43
65	WAKULLA	3
66	WALTON	3
67	WASHINGTON	2
TOTAL:	64	1,533

FTC Student Enrollment by Gender



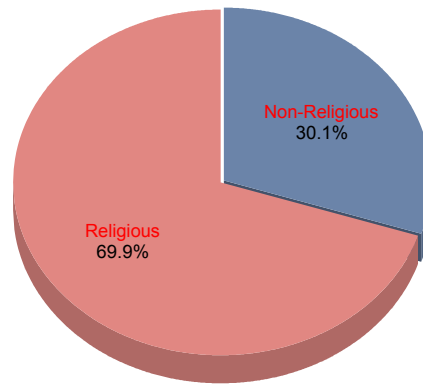
<u>GENDER</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Male	34,315	49.1%
Female	35,635	50.9%
Total:	69,950	100.0%

FTC Student Enrollment by Grade Level



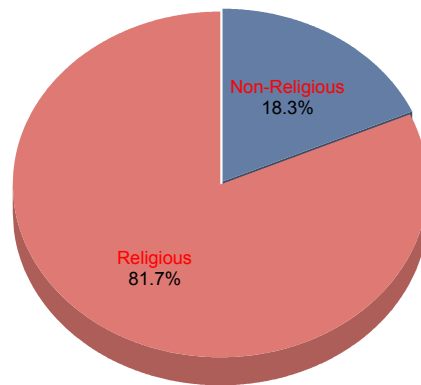
<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
KG	10,307	14.7%
1st	9,350	13.4%
2nd	8,418	12.0%
3rd	7,439	10.6%
4th	6,549	9.4%
5th	5,780	8.3%
6th	5,379	7.7%
7th	4,703	6.7%
8th	3,881	5.5%
9th	2,771	4.0%
10th	2,259	3.2%
11th	1,750	2.5%
12th	1,364	1.9%
Total:	69,950	100.0%

Private Schools Participating in FTC by Type



<u>SCHOOL TYPE</u>	<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Non-Religious	462	30.1%
Religious	1,071	69.9%
Total:	1,533	100.0%

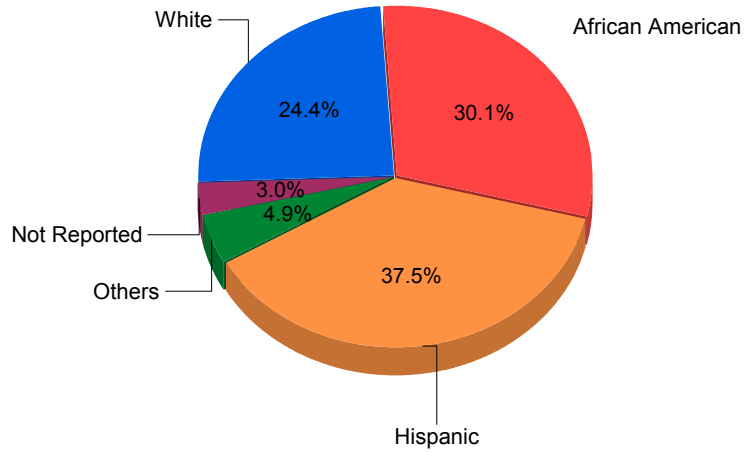
FTC Student Enrollment by Type of Private School



<u>SCHOOL TYPE</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Non-Religious	13,003	18.3%
Religious	58,234	81.7%
Total:	71,237 *	100.0%

* Indicates that 1,287 students (duplicated) attended more than one school (Religious and Non-Religious) during the September 2014, November 2014, February 2015, and June 2015 reporting periods.

FTC Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



<u>RACE</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
White	17,088	24.4%
African American	21,088	30.1%
Hispanic	26,240	37.5%
Others	3,422	4.9%
Not Reported	2,112	3.0%
Total:	69,950	100.0%

* "Others" includes students who are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Multiracial.