

Dear Education Partner,

As you know, there's no such thing as a one-size-fits-all education. And that's why Step Up For Students exists: to give educational options to Florida schoolchildren who otherwise wouldn't have opportunities beyond their neighborhood schools. Each year, more and more Florida private schools join us in helping disadvantaged families access the schools that best meet their children's needs. We invite you to also partner with us as we work to extend school choice to more families.

In 2001, Florida legislators created the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program to give low-income parents and guardians more school options for their children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Step Up For Students is a nonprofit organization that helps administer this program statewide. This scholarship is based on financial need only. We follow the federal free- and reduced-price lunch program guidelines when establishing eligibility (other eligibility information can be found [here](#)). Children who are homeless or in foster care can qualify without having to meet income requirements.

In 2014, the Legislature created the Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts program expanding educational options even further to children with certain unique needs ages 3 up to 22. This scholarship allows qualified children to use the funding for approved options like private school tuition, occupational therapies, technology-based learning tools and more. If your school serves this population and becomes a Step Up partner, this could further boost enrollment to your school. Learn more about this program [here](#).

Our mission is to give disadvantaged families the freedom to choose the best learning options for their children so they can do more than they ever imagined. Why not have it be YOUR school?

Hundreds of thousands of Step Up scholarships have been awarded since 2002, and most years the scholarship's value increases. To participate, schools must meet some common sense eligibility requirements, which Step Up staff can help schools easily navigate. While the investment schools make in our program is primarily time, their return on investment in enrollment numbers is often significant. Additionally, participants help strengthen their communities by giving these children schooling opportunities that can lead to successful futures.

To learn more about our scholarship program, please review our website. Specific questions about school eligibility requirements can be directed to Mayte Gonzalez at mgonzalez@sufs.org or (904) 746-0587.

We look forward to partnering with you and giving more students the opportunity to find the school that best serves their needs.

Sincerely,

Doug Tuthill

Step Up For Students President