A LEARNING OPTION FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES

The Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA / formerly 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.

2021-22 FAST FACTS:
- 23,753 funded scholarship students
- Average scholarship = about $10,000
- More than $200 million in funded scholarships
- More than 7,000 participating providers
- 1,972 participating private schools
- $78.3 million purchased on MyScholarShop
- 362,793 purchase orders on MyScholarShop

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:
- 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
  - Deaf, visually impaired, or dual sensory impaired
  - Hospital homebound, brain injury and more

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:
- Private school tuition & fees
- Part-time & full-time tutoring
- Therapy
- Specialized summer & after school programs
- Instructional Materials
- Public school services
- Online courses
- Postsecondary & transition programs
- Florida 529 College Savings Plan
- Curriculum
- VPK and School Readiness
- Tutoring
- Specialized Services
- Eligible Private School -...

Top Spending Categories:
- Instructional Materials: 24.7%
- Specialized Services: 7.6%
- Tutoring: 5.2%
- VPK and School Readiness: 0.9%
- Curriculum: 1.1%
- Florida 529 College Savings: 1.7%
- Percentage of Funds Spent: 0.0% to 60.0%