

Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with Unique Abilities

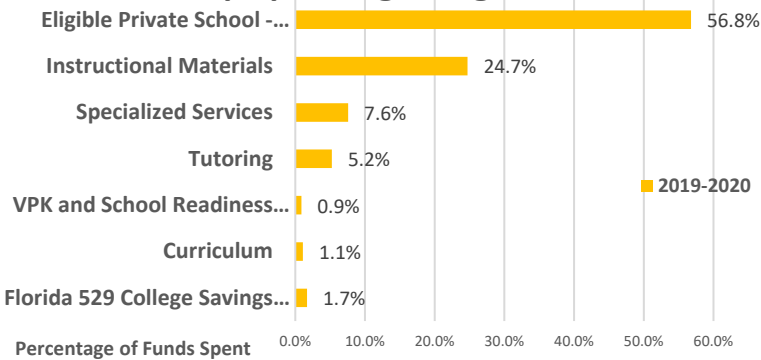
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A LEARNING OPTION FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES

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.

Top Spending Categories



2021-22 FAST FACTS:

- 21,068 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
- \$60.4 million purchased on MyScholarShop
- 302,790 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	✓ Specialized summer & after school programs
✓ Part-time & full-time tutoring	✓ Instructional Materials
✓ Therapy	✓ Public school services
✓ Postsecondary & transition programs	✓ Online courses