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:
- 25,220 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
- $97.5 million purchased on MyScholarShop
- 431,020 purchase orders on MyScholarShop

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
- Hospital homebound, brain injury and more