# FLORIDA TAX CREDIT Scholarship Program 

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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. Step Up For Students was the only approved participating SFO for the 2011-12 school year. 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 $\$ 175$ million in credits for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This program expands educational opportunities and school choice for children of families that have limited financial resources.

## Summary of the June 2012 FTC Quarterly Report

The June FTC Quarterly Report is also considered the annual report because it is based on the cumulative data submitted by the Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) for students who participated in the FTC Scholarship Program at any point during the 2011-2012 school year.

In 2011-2012, Step Up For Students awarded a total of approximately $\$ 147$ million in FTC scholarships to 40,248 students enrolled in 1,216 participating Florida private schools.

The 40,248 students in 2011-2012 is an increase of 5,698 students over the 2010-2011 student total of 34,550 as reported in the June 2011 FTC Quarterly Report. This represents an enrollment increase of more than $16 \%$. The 1,216 private schools participating in 2011-2012 represent an increase of more than $9 \%$ from the 1,114 private schools that participated during the 2010-2011 school year.

Some characteristics of the FTC student data include:

- Slightly more female students (51\%) participate in the FTC program than male students (49\%).
- The lower grade levels tend to have the larger student enrollments. Students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 3 make up approximately $53 \%$ of the scholarship recipients.
- The racial/ethnic breakdown reflects the diversity of students utilizing the FTC scholarship, which includes:

African-American students (35\%)
Hispanic students (34\%)
White students (25\%)
Other students (6\%)

- The top five districts (Dade, Orange, Duval, Broward, and Hillsborough) had 23,188 students ( $58 \%$ of total participants) receiving $\$ 86$ million in FTC scholarships ( $58 \%$ of total funding).

FTC Student Participation and Funding by District

| DISTRICTID | DISTRICT NAME | STUDENTS | STU\% | TOTAL FUNDED | FUND\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | ALACHUA | 298 | 0.74\% | 1,085,863 | 0.74\% |
| 2 | BAKER | 30 | 0.07\% | 108,652 | 0.07\% |
| 3 | BAY | 42 | 0.10\% | 137,258 | 0.09\% |
| 4 | BRADFORD | 173 | 0.43\% | 644,337 | 0.44\% |
| 5 | BREVARD | 1,203 | 2.99\% | 4,259,641 | 2.89\% |
| 6 | BROWARD | 3,168 | 7.87\% | 11,660,634 | 7.91\% |
| 8 | CHARLOTTE | 170 | 0.42\% | 634,881 | 0.43\% |
| 9 | CITRUS | 238 | 0.59\% | 859,409 | 0.58\% |
| 10 | CLAY | 254 | 0.63\% | 868,072 | 0.59\% |
| 11 | COLLIER | 184 | 0.46\% | 678,340 | 0.46\% |
| 12 | COLUMBIA | 167 | 0.41\% | 585,336 | 0.40\% |
| 13 | DADE | 10,242 | 25.45\% | 38,579,694 | 26.16\% |
| 14 | DESOTO | 29 | 0.07\% | 74,665 | 0.05\% |
| 15 | DIXIE | 61 | 0.15\% | 206,607 | 0.14\% |
| 16 | DUVAL | 3,521 | 8.75\% | 12,950,791 | 8.78\% |
| 17 | ESCAMBIA | 589 | 1.46\% | 2,113,890 | 1.43\% |
| 18 | FLAGLER | 198 | 0.49\% | 719,264 | 0.49\% |
| 19 | FRANKLIN | 22 | 0.05\% | 49,044 | 0.03\% |
| 20 | GADSDEN | 209 | 0.52\% | 772,338 | 0.52\% |
| 21 | GILCHRIST | 39 | 0.10\% | 129,836 | 0.09\% |
| 22 | GLADES | 15 | 0.04\% | 58,460 | 0.04\% |
| 23 | GULF |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | HAMILTON | 64 | 0.16\% | 216,414 | 0.15\% |
| 25 | HARDEE | 23 | 0.06\% | 74,509 | 0.05\% |
| 26 | HENDRY | 74 | 0.18\% | 233,189 | 0.16\% |
| 27 | HERNANDO | 293 | 0.73\% | 1,044,622 | 0.71\% |
| 28 | HIGHLANDS | 187 | 0.46\% | 685,269 | 0.46\% |
| 29 | HILLSBOROUGH | 1,798 | 4.47\% | 6,656,811 | 4.51\% |
| 30 | HOLMES |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | INDIAN RIVER | 116 | 0.29\% | 409,367 | 0.28\% |
| 32 | JACKSON | 24 | 0.06\% | 87,114 | 0.06\% |
| 33 | JEFFERSON | 14 | 0.03\% | 56,154 | 0.04\% |
| 34 | LAFAYETTE | 20 | 0.05\% | 53,527 | 0.04\% |
| 35 | LAKE | 567 | 1.41\% | 2,045,773 | 1.39\% |
| 36 | LEE | 445 | 1.11\% | 1,632,528 | 1.11\% |
| 37 | LEON | 377 | 0.94\% | 1,313,784 | 0.89\% |
| 38 | LEVY | 88 | 0.22\% | 334,219 | 0.23\% |
| 39 | LIBERTY |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | MADISON | 22 | 0.05\% | 68,626 | 0.05\% |
| 41 | MANATEE | 302 | 0.75\% | 1,083,672 | 0.73\% |
| 42 | MARION | 875 | 2.17\% | 3,141,621 | 2.13\% |
| 43 | MARTIN | 144 | 0.36\% | 528,824 | 0.36\% |
| 44 | MONROE | 42 | 0.10\% | 147,865 | 0.10\% |
| 45 | NASSAU | 74 | 0.18\% | 260,249 | 0.18\% |
| 46 | OKALOOSA | 161 | 0.40\% | 590,622 | 0.40\% |
| 47 | OKEECHOBEE | 51 | 0.13\% | 171,364 | 0.12\% |
| 48 | ORANGE | 4,459 | 11.08\% | 16,307,627 | 11.06\% |
| 49 | OSCEOLA | 1,393 | 3.46\% | 5,082,096 | 3.45\% |
| 50 | PALM BEACH | 1,153 | 2.86\% | 4,248,306 | 2.88\% |
| 51 | PASCO | 484 | 1.20\% | 1,735,084 | 1.18\% |
| 52 | PINELLAS | 1,435 | 3.57\% | 5,215,171 | 3.54\% |
| 53 | POLK | 1,074 | 2.67\% | 3,873,455 | 2.63\% |
| 54 | PUTNAM | 171 | 0.42\% | 604,859 | 0.41\% |
| 55 | ST. JOHNS | 190 | 0.47\% | 675,671 | 0.46\% |
| 56 | ST. LUCIE | 411 | 1.02\% | 1,469,347 | 1.00\% |
| 57 | SANTA ROSA | 59 | 0.15\% | 203,439 | 0.14\% |
| 58 | SARASOTA | 304 | 0.76\% | 1,111,163 | 0.75\% |
| 59 | SEMINOLE | 611 | 1.52\% | 2,188,467 | 1.48\% |
| 60 | SUMTER | 67 | 0.17\% | 235,859 | 0.16\% |
| 61 | SUWANNEE | 185 | 0.46\% | 602,394 | 0.41\% |
| 62 | TAYLOR | 31 | 0.08\% | 89,407 | 0.06\% |
| 63 | UNION | 16 | 0.04\% | 61,990 | 0.04\% |
| 64 | VOLUSIA | 1,462 | 3.63\% | 5,322,461 | 3.61\% |
| 65 | WAKULLA | 36 | 0.09\% | 123,439 | 0.08\% |
| 66 | WALTON | 39 | 0.10\% | 136,000 | 0.09\% |
| 67 | WASHINGTON | 45 | 0.11\% | 145,539 | 0.10\% |
| TOTAL: | 66 | 40,248 | 100\% | 147,481,308 | 100\% |

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 | 19 |
| 2 | BAKER | 2 |
| 3 | BAY | 5 |
| 4 | BRADFORD | 5 |
| 5 | BREVARD | 47 |
| 6 | BROWARD | 101 |
| 8 | CHARLOTTE | 10 |
| 9 | CITRUS | 7 |
| 10 | CLAY | 16 |
| 11 | COLLIER | 10 |
| 12 | COLUMBIA | 5 |
| 13 | DADE | 221 |
| 14 | DESOTO | 1 |
| 15 | DIXIE | 1 |
| 16 | DUVAL | 92 |
| 17 | ESCAMBIA | 18 |
| 18 | FLAGLER | 4 |
| 19 | FRANKLIN | 1 |
| 20 | GADSDEN | 4 |
| 21 | GILCHRIST | 2 |
| 22 | GLADES | 1 |
| 23 | GULF | 1 |
| 24 | HAMILTON | 3 |
| 25 | HARDEE | 2 |
| 26 | HENDRY | 3 |
| 27 | HERNANDO | 10 |
| 28 | HIGHLANDS | 8 |
| 29 | HILLSBOROUGH | 71 |
| 30 | HOLMES | 1 |
| 31 | INDIAN RIVER | 8 |
| 32 | JACKSON | 2 |
| 33 | JEFFERSON | 2 |
| 34 | LAFAYETTE | 1 |
| 35 | LAKE | 20 |
| 36 | LEE | 23 |
| 37 | LEON | 16 |
| 38 | LEVY | 3 |
| 40 | MADISON | 1 |
| 41 | MANATEE | 13 |
| 42 | MARION | 24 |
| 43 | MARTIN | 6 |
| 44 | MONROE | 1 |
| 45 | NASSAU | 4 |
| 46 | OKALOOSA | 6 |
| 47 | OKEECHOBEE | 4 |
| 48 | ORANGE | 96 |
| 49 | OSCEOLA | 22 |
| 50 | PALM BEACH | 44 |
| 51 | PASCO | 21 |
| 52 | PINELLAS | 70 |
| 53 | POLK | 37 |
| 54 | PUTNAM | 4 |
| 55 | ST. JOHNS | 5 |
| 56 | ST. LUCIE | 8 |
| 57 | SANTA ROSA | 3 |
| 58 | SARASOTA | 22 |
| 59 | SEMINOLE | 28 |
| 60 | SUMTER | 2 |
| 61 | SUWANNEE | 3 |
| 62 | TAYLOR | 2 |
| 64 | VOLUSIA | 36 |
| 65 | WAKULLA | 3 |
| 66 | WALTON | 3 |
| 67 | WASHINGTON | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 64 | 1,216 |


| GENDER |
| :--- |
| Male |
| Female |
| Total: |

Total:


PERCENTAGE
49.3\%
50.7\%
100.0\%

FTC Student Enrollment by Grade Level


| GRADE LEVEL | STUDENTS | PERCENTAGE |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 6,493 | $16.1 \%$ |
| 1st | 5,904 | $14.7 \%$ |
| 2nd | 4,752 | $11.8 \%$ |
| 3rd | 4,090 | $10.2 \%$ |
| 4th | 3,556 | $8.8 \%$ |
| 5th | 3,150 | $7.8 \%$ |
| 6th | 2,963 | $7.4 \%$ |
| 7th | 2,581 | $6.4 \%$ |
| 8th | 2,149 | $5.3 \%$ |
| 9th | 1,642 | $4.1 \%$ |
| 10th | 1,345 | $3.3 \%$ |
| 11th | 917 | $2.3 \%$ |
| 12th | 706 | $1.8 \%$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{4 0 , 2 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## Private Schools Participating in FTC by Type



| SCHOOL TYPE | SCHOOLS |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Pon-Religious | 285 | $23.4 \%$ |
| Religious | 931 | $76.6 \%$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{1 , 2 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## FTC Student Enrollment by Type of Private School



| SCHOOL TYPE | STUDENTS |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Non-Religious | 6,757 | $16.4 \%$ |
| Religious | 34,345 | $83.6 \%$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{4 1 , 1 0 2}$ * | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

* Indicates that 854 students attended more than one school (Religious and Non-Religious) during the September 2011, November 2011, February 2012, and June 2012 reporting periods.

FTC Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity


| RACE | STUDENTS | PERCENTAGE |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| White | 10,050 | $25.0 \%$ |
| African American | 14,066 | $34.9 \%$ |
| Hispanic | 13,648 | $33.9 \%$ |
| Others | 1,944 | $4.8 \%$ |
| Not Reported | 540 | $1.3 \%$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{4 0 , 2 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

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

