

Gardiner Scholarship

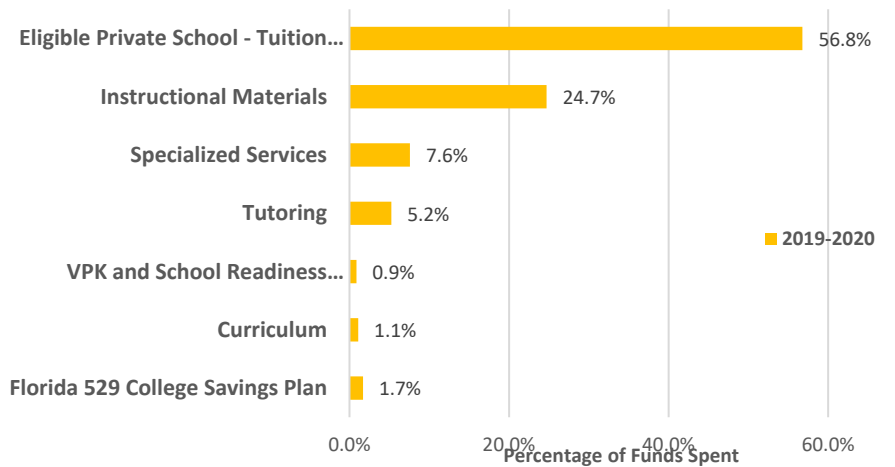


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The **Gardiner Scholarship** program allows parents to personalize the education of their special-needs children by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. The Gardiner Scholarship amount varies per grade and county of residence. The average scholarship is around \$10,317, and funds may be rolled over from year to year. The Florida Legislature appropriated \$189.9 million for 2020-21

Top Spending Categories



2020-21 FAST FACTS:

- 17,446 funded scholarship students
- Average scholarship = \$10,317
- More than \$170 million in funded scholarships
- More than 7,000 participating providers
- 1,972 participating private schools
- \$60.4 million purchased on MyScholarShop to date
- 302,790 purchase orders on MyScholarShop to date

WHO QUALIFIES?

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
- Intellectual Disability (severe cognitive impairment)
- 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

PICK IT. CLICK IT. SHIP IT.



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