



Florida Private School and Home Education Scholarships

2023-24 STEP UP FAST FACTS

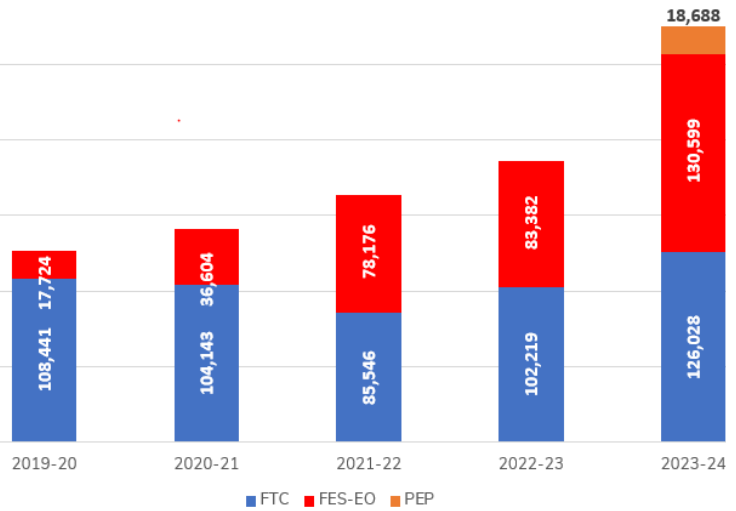
126,028 students enrolled on FTC
 130,599 students enrolled on FES-EO
 18,688 students awarded a PEP scholarship

Average household income of \$85,658 for a family of four.

60 percent Black, Hispanic, Asian, Mixed-Race, Native American or Pacific Islander.

39 percent of students live in single-parent households

2,187 participating private schools



Florida’s two private school scholarship programs, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC) and Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO), and the Personalized Education Program (PEP) provide education savings accounts to more than 257,000 students. Of those, 101,000 students are eligible for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program, a proxy for students living in poverty. Eligible students have access to an education savings account that can be used to pay tuition, testing fees, textbooks, curriculum, digital materials and tutoring. may also choose a transportation scholarship to attend a public school.



TESTING ACCOUNTABILITY

- [Students in grades 3-10 have been evaluated](#) with state-approved national norm-referenced tests since 2006.
- Studies show the average scholarship student are among the lowest performers in their prior school. Once on scholarship, students see similar learning gains to all students nationally, regardless of income, and are more likely to attend and graduate from college.

For the **2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**, the **SCHOLARSHIP** values vary by grade and county, but average between \$7,550 and \$8,200. Renewal students are grandfathered into the old formula, but will receive the higher of the two amounts.

Reports from the state Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, Florida Revenue Estimating Conference and Florida TaxWatch **ALL SHOW THE FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP SAVES THE STATE MONEY.**