In 2018, the Florida Legislature created the Hope Scholarship Program to give public school children in Florida relief from bullying and violence. The scholarship gives parents the opportunity to transfer their child to another K-12 public school with capacity or to request a scholarship for the student to attend an eligible private school.

Who Is Eligible?

- Kindergarten through 12th grade students enrolled in a Florida public school who experience and report any of the following qualifying incidents: battery; harassment; hazing; bullying; kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses, harassment, assault or battery; threat or intimidation; or fighting at school as defined by the Florida Department of Education in accordance with Florida Statute 1006.09(6).
- A qualifying incident must have taken place at a public K-12 educational institution, any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, including riding on the school bus or waiting at the bus stop.

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The student may keep the scholarship — depending upon available funding and renewal — until the student returns to their zoned public school or graduates from high school.

What Is It?

FAMILIES MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO K-12 SCHOLARSHIPS

A FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION AND FEES

- K-5TH $6,519
- 6-8TH $6,815
- 9-12TH $7,111

B FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO AN OUT-OF-DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL

- UP TO $750

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How Do I Apply?

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, school officials must tell an eligible victim’s parent or guardian about the Hope Scholarship and provide them with a completed Hope Scholarship Notification Form (Form IEPC-HS1). This form is required with the application for the scholarship.

Visit StepUpForStudents.org for the latest information.

Hope Scholarship Questions?

- hope@sufs.org
- Scholarship Hotline 877-735-7837

As of July 2018 for the 2018-19 school year.