**Family Empowerment Scholarship Notification**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

On May 11, 2021, Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 7045 into law, resulting in several changes to the state's K-12 scholarship programs, including an extensive expansion of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program (FES). House Bill 7045 expanded the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to include two branches of eligibility, the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options **(FES EO)** and the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities **(FES UA).**

Your student **may -**be eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities Program (FES UA) or the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES EO).

**FES Program Eligibility and Use of Funds for Unique Abilities (FES UA):**

* Qualifying diagnosis from physician or psychologist or has an IEP
* Is 3 or 4 by September 1 or eligible to enroll in K-12
* Siblings may be eligible for income-based scholarship
* Tuition and fees at an eligible private school or enrollment in a home education program
* Instructional materials, digital devices, assistive technology, and curriculum
* Specialized services and therapies
* Must renew annually

**FES Program Eligibility and Use of Funds for Educational Options (FES EO):**

* Is 5 by September 1
* Household income of 375% of the federal poverty level
* Sibling of an eligible student
* Military dependent
* Tuition and fees at an eligible private school or
* $750 transportation scholarship to a public school

**How do I apply?**

If you are interested in applying for either branch of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, please contact one of the two scholarship funding organizations that administers these programs:

| [A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- FL, LLC](https://www.aaascholarships.org/parents/florida/)  P.O. Box 15719  Tampa, FL 33684  Phone/Fax: 888-707-2465  info@aaascholarships.org | [Step Up For Students](https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/special-needs/how-the-scholarship-works/)  P.O. Box 54367  Jacksonville, FL 32245-4367  877-735-7837  info@stepupforstudents.org |
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Sincerely,

Principal Jackie Pons

Jefferson County K-12

*No person shall on the basis of race, color, religion*, *gender, age*, *marital status, sexual orientation*, *disability, political or religious beliefs, national or ethnic origin, or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of*, *or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices conducted by the School District, except as provided by law.*