PEP SCHOLARSHIP

Florida students who are not enrolled in public school or a Florida Home Education Program can access the Personalized Education Program (PEP) through the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship. This scholarship provides, on average, \$8,000 through a flexible, education savings account (ESA) to fund the educational needs of Florida's home schoolers.

Quick facts:

Available to K-12 Florida students, regardless of household income, who are benefitting from a parent-directed education.

On average, students receive \$8,000 in scholarship funds which are placed in an education savings account (ESA) and can be used for tuition and fees, homeschooling, tutoring, instructional materials and more.

The program can serve up to 100,000 students in the 2025-26 school year.

PEP families must:

- Declare a grade level, which is used to determine student eligibility and scholarship values.
- Submit and maintain a <u>Student Learning Plan (SLP)</u> annually. Parents develop this customized learning plan to guide instruction for their students and address the services needed to fulfill their child's academic needs. It does not determine what a parent can purchase with scholarship funds.
- Withdraw as a full-time public-school student or terminate a home education program with their school district and enroll as a PEP student with Step Up for Students.
- Take a <u>norm-referenced test</u> annually, and submit the results to Step Up. Parents/Guardians of PEP students may choose from the same list of assessments that are approved for other scholarship students attending participating private schools. Alternatively, parents/guardians may arrange with their school district of residence to have their students take Florida's statewide assessments given to public school students. These assessments must be taken at a scheduled date and time and at a school site designated by the district*. These results are required for grades K-12 and will need to be submitted to Step Up before funding is distributed
- You must contact your school district's assessment office by their local deadline to register for statewide testing. Do not contact your local public school or arrive for testing without making prior arrangements through the district office.

Student

 There are no specific hourly requirements for students, and parents are not required to keep a record of the number of instructional hours/days.

Click the link below to apply: <u>Apply For A PreK-12 Scholarship Today - Step Up For Students</u>