



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (K – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

### **PARISH GRANT**

To qualify for Parish Grant, the following applies:

- You must be registered in a Catholic parish.
- All family members must attend Mass weekly.
- You must be an active member of your parish by sharing your time, talent and treasure. St. Paul parishioners must submit a "Stewardship Commitment Card" yearly.
- You must make verifiable contributions toward your parish through the Offertory, Catholic Sharing Appeal or Parish Building Fund.
- A completed Parish Participation Grant Form if registered with a parish other than St. Paul, or new to St. Paul Parish. Return signed form to the school office at the time of registration. Note: pastors reserve the right to revoke the subsidy if a family is not meeting the established obligations.

### **STEP UP FOR STUDENTS INCOME-BASE SCHOLARSHIP** <https://www.stepupforstudents.org>

In 2001, the Florida Legislature created the income-based Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program to assure that low-income children have more learning options. The scholarships are based on financial need, not how well your child does in school. Families can receive financial assistance toward private school tuition and fees (2017-2018 paid up to \$6,631 towards tuition and fees).

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and can be transferred to other eligible schools if the student moves within the state, or simply wants to attend a different Step Up partner school.

Children who income qualify must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 entering Kindergarten or 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 entering first grade for the 2018-2019 school year.

The program is currently accepting renewal applications for 2018-2019 from those already participating in the program on a first-come, first-serve basis. For new families, applications will become available mid-February.

### **McKAY SCHOLARSHIP** <https://www.fldoe.org>

In order to be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must apply for the program prior to withdrawing from public school. The student must also have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)\* or 504 Accommodation Plan, and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the preceding October and February Florida Education Finance Program surveys (Grades K-12); or
- Have been a pre-kindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the preceding October and February Florida Education Finance Program surveys and was at least 4 years old; or
- Have been a pre-kindergarten student who was reported as having received Specialized Instructional Services by the Office of Early Learning and was at least 4 years old; or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding October and February student membership surveys (Grades K-12).

If your child meets the eligibility requirements, you may apply for a scholarship. If your child does not meet these requirements but has an IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan he or she may be eligible for a McKay Scholarship if the child:

- is a foster child (foster intent form available [here](#)); or
- is a dependent child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who transfers to a school in Florida from out of state or from a foreign country pursuant to a parent's permanent change of station orders (Please contact this office at 1-800-447-1636 for additional information.)

*\* Please note that students with a "gifted only" designation and an Eligibility Plan (EP) do not meet the eligibility criteria for the McKay Scholarship Program.*

### **AAA INCOME-BASE SCHOLARSHIP** <http://www.aascholarships.org/>

In order to prove their eligibility, households must complete AAA's application and provide supporting documentation by the stated **deadline**. The households must meet both the state and AAA's requirements (see state charts on the applications). Each household member is required to provide proof of income. AAA does not rely on a household's enrollment in a state food assistance or TANF program as proof of eligibility, a process sometimes referred to as "direct certification," since those programs audit less than 3 percent of their recipient households.

### **FINANCIAL HARDSHIP – CONTACT PRINCIPAL**