



Scholarship Bulletin | Summer 2021

Returning to In-person Learning for 2021-22

The Spring 2021 Education Plan remains effective until the end of the 2020-21 school semester as implemented by Commissioner Corcoran, specified in DOE Order NO. 2020-EO-07. The 2021-22 school year will proceed as normal under the current Florida Statue and Administrative Code which means **scholarship students must return to participating school's campus to resume face-to-face instruction in order to receive scholarship coverage for the upcoming school year.** Private schools should plan accordingly to transition students back to your campuses in the Fall.

Family Empowerment Scholarship Program

On May 11, 2021, Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 7045 into law, resulting in several changes to the state funded scholarship programs, including an extensive expansion of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.

Private schools and families should work directly with scholarship funding organizations (Step Up for Students and AAA Scholarship Foundation) to enroll 2021-22 Family Empowerment Scholarship students awarded under both options. Current Family Empowerment Scholarship families will want to be sure they have submitted the required renewal documentation to their scholarship funding organization. Scholarship funding organizations will be in contact with families and schools regarding this process.

McKay Scholarship Program

The **McKay Scholarship Program** will see no changes for the 2021-22 school year. Schools should continue working directly with their Regional Manager regarding 2021 compliance, student enrollment and funding. Our office remains responsible for private school scholarship program compliance. Private schools must continue to comply with Section 1002.421, Florida Statutes.



Guide to McKay Enrollment for 2021-22

Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school year has begun! Your school's fee schedule must be submitted online prior to enrolling any McKay scholarship students. Login to the School Choice website as a private school administrator to copy your fee schedule over to the 2021-22 online portal and update your fee amounts. The fee schedule link is located at the bottom of the private school welcome page.

Private schools will be able to update your dollar amounts until August 2. If there are any new fee items to add to a current fee schedule, then a private school must submit a request of the updated fee schedule to your Regional Manager. **Please be informed if your school does not wish to add new fee items to your school's fee schedule, then you do not need to issue a copy of your fee schedule to the School Choice Office.**

The McKay Student List displays information for each type of student associated with your school:

- **Last Year Students** - List McKay Scholarship students who were enrolled in your school at the end of the 2020-21 school year. You may choose to **re-enroll** a student on this list for the 2021-22 school year, or **withdraw** a student who is not returning. Re-enrollment includes confirming the student's grade level, parent contact information, entering a student fee schedule, and a first date of attendance by **August 2** in order for a student to be eligible to receive a first quarter scholarship payment on September 1.
 - **Grade Correction** – For any student (grades KG – 11th) that will be repeating a grade, please submit a **Scholarship Issue Form and documentation** to our office.
 - **12th Grade Re-enrollment** - Please be aware that in order to retain a 12th grade student at your school you must submit a **Scholarship Issue Form along with a signed statement from the parent** attesting to the fact that the student is re-enrolling in order to obtain a diploma or high school equivalency certification. Students turning 22 during the school year are able to complete the school year as a scholarship student.
- **Registered Student List** —Students on this list are new to the scholarship program or have been transferred from another school. ***Because they are not yet enrolled, they are not eligible for payment.*** To enroll registered students, click on the student's name and select the **Enroll** tab.



- **Enrolled Student List** —Students on this list have a student fee schedule and a first date of attendance entered for the 2021-22 school year. **Only enrolled students with an eligible status will receive a scholarship payment.**
- **Verify Parent Information** - Be careful when entering the correct parent Social Security Number (SSN) for new students and reenrolling current students. **SSN discrepancies may cause a delay in payment.**
- **Parent Affidavit** - A [Parent Affidavit Form](#) must be filed with our office for each McKay student. Submit new Parent Affidavits via email to ParentAffidavit@fldoe.org.

Handling Transfers and Withdrawn McKay Students

Any scholarship student enrolled during the 2020-21 school year, who is not already re-enrolled, is available in the system to be transferred, registered, and enrolled by a new private school, even if the student was not officially withdrawn from their current school before August 2. The new private school will be required to complete the withdrawal as part of the transfer process. This will allow students to transfer smoothly to a new school in the event that the previous school is closed or cannot be reached during the summer months.

Withdrawn McKay Students

If a scholarship student is not returning to your school next year, or if the student is graduating, then that student should be withdrawn from your McKay Student List.

Any student listed as WITHDRAWN on your Student List means that the student was enrolled in your school for the 2020-21 school year and later withdrawn. When entering the withdrawal date for a student that has already been re-enrolled for the 2021-22 school year, the system will not allow a private school to enter a withdrawal date **prior to the first date of attendance**, and **withdrawn students cannot be re-enrolled by the same private school without a proper Scholarship Issue Form submitted.**

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned Regional Manager.



2021-22 Scholarship Funding Amounts

The 2021-2022 FES and McKay funding charts are now available in the School Choice online portal. Private schools may access the funding charts on the left-hand side of your welcome under Scholarship Funding Tables.

Please note: For a student who received a Family Empowerment, Gardiner or McKay Scholarship in the 2020-21 school year, the 2021-22 funding amount shall be the greater of the amount calculated for the 2021-22 school year or the amount the student received for the 2020-21 school year.

2021-22 Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

July 3

McKay 2021-22 parental application of intent filing deadline for the September 1 McKay payment.

August 2

McKay 2021-22 Enrollment deadline for the September 1 payment.

September 2

McKay 2021-22 parental application of Intent filing deadline for the November 1 McKay payment.

September 15

Agreed Upon Procedures Reports submission deadline.

2021-22 McKay Payment Coverage Deadline Schedule for Private School Enrollment

Parent intent filed by:	Private school must enroll student by:	For the school to receive payment on:	Scholarship percentage:	Payment Period:
July 3	August 2	September 1	100%	July 1 - Sept 30
September 2	October 2	November 1	75%	Oct 1 - Dec 31
December 3	January 2	February 1	50%	Jan 1 - Feb 28
January 31	March 2	April 1	25%	March 1 - June 30



Additional Information:

[Regional Managers](#)

[McKay Parent Affidavit](#)

[Update Notification Form](#)

[McKay Student Technical Assistance](#)

[Application & Renewal Instructions](#)

[Compliance Resources](#)

Other Resources

STOP School Violence Grant Program

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking applications for funding under the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program to prevent violence in a K-12 school setting.

The STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve K-12 school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence and ensure a positive school climate.

This program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by supporting and assisting county, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions in improving efforts to reduce violent crime in and around schools.

Private K-12 schools are eligible to apply and should do so as "nonprofits."

Please visit <https://bjaojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-47003> for more information.

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