



# Florida Scholarship Programs Newsletter

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## McKay Enrollment 2010

Starting May 3rd, participating private schools may now register and enroll new students and re-enroll current students for the 2010-11 school year. Your school **must be compliant** for the upcoming school year in order to enroll scholarship students. Please also note:

### Special Points of Interest:

- Enrollment for the 2010-11 school year opens **May 3rd**.
- McKay students not re-enrolled in their current school by **May 31** will become available in the system for other schools to transfer and enroll.
- Requests for missed payments must be made by **June 1** of the fiscal year in which they are due.

- If a scholarship student is not returning next year, or if the student is graduating, please withdraw the student from your McKay Student List.
- Re-enrolling a high school student (grades 9-12) who will be repeating a grade requires that documentation of failure be provided to our office.
- Be careful to enter the correct parent Social Security Number (SSN) when registering new students and re-enrolling current students. It is imperative that the correct parent SSN is associated with each student record; SSN discrepancies may cause a delay in payment.
- Be aware that students who are “registered only” are not considered enrolled, and will not receive payment. Enrollment includes submitting an individual student fee schedule and entering a first date of attendance.
- Enrollment must be completed by **August 2, 2010**, in order for a student to receive a first quarter scholarship payment on September 1st.

A guide to the registration and enrollment process follows on page 2. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Manager.



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## General Fee Schedule Submission



Please remember that a general fee schedule must be submitted **prior** to enrolling any scholarship students. Fee schedules for the 2009-10 school year may be copied over for the 2010-11 school year and fee amounts may be updated when logged in as a private school. The fee schedule link is located at the bottom of the private school welcome page.

Private schools will be able to update general fee item amounts until August 2, 2010. However, any new fee items must be submitted to your Regional Manager to be added to your school’s general fee schedule.

## Registration and Enrollment Guide

To work with enrollment of McKay Scholarship students, go to the **McKay Student List** when logged in as a private school.

There you will find links to perform the following functions:

- **Register New Students**—This function searches the database of students who have filed an intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. You may search for a student by entering just a few letters of the student's first and last name, or you may narrow your search by entering any combination of the student's name, date of birth, or public school district.
- **Transfer Students from Other Schools**—This function allows a private school to transfer a McKay Scholarship student from another private school. Transferred students are only **Registered**. They are not enrolled until a fee schedule and first date of attendance is entered to complete the enrollment.
- **Re-Enroll Students from Last Year**—This function allows a private school to re-enroll scholarship students who were enrolled at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Re-enrollment includes confirming the student's grade level and parent contact information and entering an individual student fee schedule and a first date of attendance.



- **Current Students**—This is a list of any student associated with your school for the 2009-10 school year. There are three types of current students:

**Enrolled**—Any student on this list has an individual student fee schedule and a first date of attendance entered for the 2009-10 school year. Only enrolled students with an eligible matrix code may receive a scholarship payment.

**Registered**—Any student on this list is new or has 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.

**Withdrawn**—Any student on this list was enrolled in your school for the 2009-10 school year and later withdrawn. A student cannot be withdrawn prior to his or her first date of attendance, and withdrawn students cannot be re-enrolled by the same private school.

### Handling Transfers

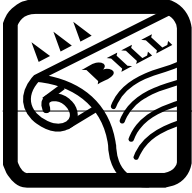
A scholarship student may transfer to another participating private school at any time. During the school year, a student must be withdrawn from the old private school before he or she can be transferred to a new school. However, over the summer months (June 1-August 2), any scholarship student enrolled during the 2009-10 school year who has not already been **Re-enrolled** or **Withdrawn**, is available in the system to be transferred, registered and enrolled by a new private school. 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.

If you need assistance in enrolling or re-enrolling your scholarship students, please call your regional manager. Students not enrolled by August 2 cannot receive the September 1 payment.

### Types of Students

The McKay Student List displays each type of student associated with your school. The definition of each type of student follows.

- **Last Year Students**—This is a list of McKay Scholarship students who were enrolled in your school at the end of the 2009-10 school year. You may choose to **Re-Enroll** a student on this list for the 2010-11 school year, or **Withdraw** a student who is not returning.



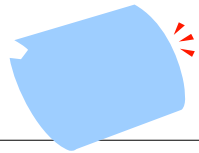
## Legislative Updates

The 2010 Florida Legislature, in session from March 2 - April 30, 2010, has addressed a number of education-related items.

**Senate Bill 2126**, related to the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program, has been passed and approved by Governor Crist, and will take effect July 1, 2010. The bill, which transfers and renumbers the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program as s. 1002.395, Florida Statutes, will expand the types of tax credits available under the FTC Program, increase the tax credit cap amount, increase the scholarship amount, and add additional obligations for certain scholarship-funding organizations, private schools, and the Department of Education. The Department will provide further guidance on the implementation of SB 2126 in coming months.

**House Bill 1505 and Senate Bill 2746**, related to the McKay Scholarship Program, are also moving through the legislative process at this time, and if passed will affect participating private schools.

The Department has prepared a [Scholarship Program and Private School Bill Summary](#) which describes the bills that could affect private schools. For more information about the legislative session or to contact your legislators, please visit [Online Sunshine](#), the official site of the Florida Legislature.



## In the News

### Prevent Child Abuse Florida Booklet

Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Florida's Pinwheels for Prevention campaign and **2010 Parent Resource Booklet** is receiving enormous positive feedback from communities across the state, and now is in the process of printing another bulk order to respond to the high demand.

You may place an order for the **Parent Resource Booklet** for your school social work, school guidance, or other student services personnel involved with local child abuse prevention efforts. The **Parent Resource Booklet** includes extensive information on child development, positive parenting tips, activities that promote nurturing and attachment, and a community resources section. The booklet may also compliment local efforts as you work with families on healthy practices and strengthening protective factors in the home and community.

To view an electronic copy, please visit: [http://www.ounce.org/CAP2010/Parent\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.ounce.org/CAP2010/Parent_Booklet.pdf). To order, contact Christie Ferris, Director, The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida at [cferris@ounce.org](mailto:cferris@ounce.org) or call (850) 921-4494, ext. 164.

### School Immunization Requirements

Schools may print the Florida Department of Health 2010-2011 Immunization Brochures & Flyers in English, Spanish, and Haitian/Creole to share with parents/guardians.

#### Brochure Links:

English: [http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/files/school\\_shots\\_web.pdf](http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/files/school_shots_web.pdf)

Spanish: [http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/school\\_shots\\_SPN\\_web.pdf](http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/school_shots_SPN_web.pdf)

Haitian/Creole: [http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/school\\_shots\\_HC\\_web.pdf](http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/school_shots_HC_web.pdf)

#### Flyer Links:

English: [http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/10-11\\_school\\_entry\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/10-11_school_entry_ENG.pdf)

Spanish: [http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/10-11\\_school\\_entry\\_SPN.pdf](http://www.immunizeflorida.org/files/10-11_school_entry_SPN.pdf)

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McKay Scholarship Program 2010 - 2011 IMPORTANT DEADLINES*					
Payment Periods	Payment Date	Parental Intent Deadline	Private School Enrollment Deadline	Attendance Verification Available Online	Attendance Verification Deadline
July 1 – Sept 30	September 1	July 3	August 2	N/A	N/A
Oct 1 – Dec 31	November 1	September 2	October 2	October 4	October 8
Jan 1 – Feb 28	February 1	December 3	January 2	January 4	January 11
Mar 1 – June 30	April 1	January 31	March 2	March 3	March 16

\* Please note:

- Private schools participating in the **Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program** must meet the deadlines set by their Scholarship Funding Organizations to receive payment.
- The deadlines for filing a parental intent and private school enrollment are statutory deadlines. Therefore, the Department cannot make exceptions if these deadlines are missed.



### Mark Your Calendar Important Program Dates

**May 3**— Schools may begin enrolling or re-enrolling students for the 2010-11 school year.

**May 31**—McKay students not re-enrolled by their current school will be available in the system to other participating schools.

**June 1**—Date by which requests for missing payments must be submitted.

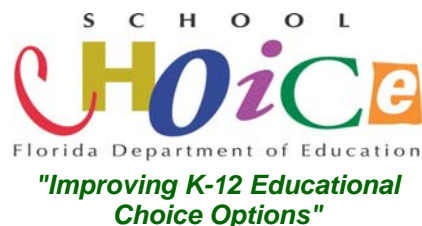
**July 3**—Intent filing deadline to be eligible for the first 2010-11 payment on September 1.

**August 2**—Date by which new and renewing McKay students must be registered and enrolled in order to receive the September 1 payment.

**September 2**—Intent filing deadline to be eligible for the November 1 payment.

**October 2**—Date by which students filing by September 2 must be enrolled to receive the second quarterly payment.

*Please contact your Regional Manager with questions regarding these deadlines.*



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