

Subject line: Step Up For Students K-12 Income-Based Scholarships Available

Dear Child Advocate,

We know you're busy working to serve a great number of children in need. We can help! We have income-based scholarships available.

Did you know **children in foster care or recently adopted out of foster care may qualify** for a Step Up For Students scholarship to attend a K-12 private school in Florida?

If each of you could just help one child...that would be at least **25,000 new children** benefitting from a scholarship.

Children you serve may be eligible for **one of two income-based scholarships** – **the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship** or **the Family Empowerment Scholarship** – for the 2021-22 school year. The scholarships help pay for K-12 private school tuition or assist with transportation costs to a different public school. This may benefit children who are entering kindergarten through 12th grade. As always, program funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Income guidelines do not pertain to children in foster care, nor do they have the prior year public school requirement.

Please visit the following page for eligibility details before applying: <u>https://www.stepupforstudents.org/lower-income-scholarships-ftc-fes/</u>.

For families without children in foster care: Depending on the family's income and household size, the student may need to be entering kindergarten OR have attended a Florida public school for the 2021-22 school year to qualify. The full guidelines can be found by clicking <u>here</u>.

We've included sample text below for your social media posts, emails or newsletters:

Do you know a child who may benefit from attending a private school or different public school? @StepUp4Students is accepting scholarship applications for its income-based scholarship program The online application walks applicants through the process and will provide a list of what documentation is needed to determine eligibility. Please note: Children in foster care or recently adopted out of foster care automatically qualify. To learn more and apply, please visit <u>https://www.stepupforstudents.org/lower-income-scholarships-ftc-fes/</u>

Below are links to our electronic **flyers** you can share with partners and parents in your community. <u>English flyer</u> <u>Spanish flyer</u> <u>Creole Flyer</u>

Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Best Wishes,

Step Up For Students