McKay Scholarship

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Today's Discussion

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What is it?

The McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program was created in 1999 to provide scholarships for eligible students with disabilities to attend an eligible public or private school of their choice.

Options available to students who qualify include:
- Attendance at another public school within the district
- Attendance at an eligible public school in an adjacent district that has space and provides the services identified in the student's individual education plan or 504 accommodation plan
- Attendance at an eligible private school
Who is Eligible?

MCKAY CONSIDERS STUDENTS (K-12) WITH THE FOLLOWING DIAGNOSES ELIGIBLE

- Intellectual disability
- Speech, language, hearing or visual impairment
- Dual sensory impairment
- Orthopedic impairment
- Health impairment
- Emotional or behavioral disability
- Learning disabilities including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia
- Traumatic brain injury
- Developmental delay
- Autism spectrum disorder
Requirements

1. **YEAR OF ENROLLMENT**
   The student was enrolled and reported by a Florida school district for funding during the preceding October and February FTE surveys in Pre-K through grade 12.

2. **OR**
   The student is a foster or dependent child of a member of the US Armed Forces who transfers to Florida from out of state due to a parent’s permanent change of station orders.

3. **AND**
   The parent has notified the district in a manner that creates a record by filing intent on the School Choice website at least 60 days prior to the date of the first scholarship payment.

4. **AND**
   The parent has obtained acceptance for admission of the student to a private school that is eligible for the program.
How do I Apply?

INTENT FORM
File intent to participate on the Florida School Choice website
www.floriaschoolchoice.org

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
If additional assistance is needed, parents may contact the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at 1-800-447-1636.

REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE STUDENT...
- Returns to a public school
- Graduates from high school
- Reaches the age of 22