

FTC

Scholarship Program

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2012 Legislative Session HB 859

This bill allows students entering kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in the FTC Scholarship Program without prior enrollment in a public school, and revises factors for which the Commissioner of Education may deny, suspend, or revoke a private school's participation in the program. Additionally, this bill provides a means, within established limits, for participating schools to offer state assessments on site at the private school, at no cost to the private school. For detailed information on recent changes to the FTC program, see the 2012 Legislative Session Bills at: <http://www.flsenate.gov>.

Scholarship Funding Organization

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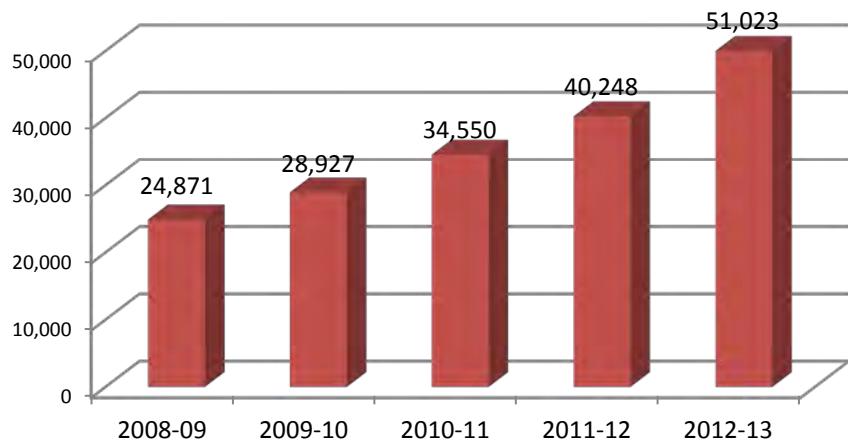
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program was established in 2001 to encourage private, voluntary contributions from corporate donors to non-profit scholarship funding organizations (SFOs) that award scholarships to children from low-income families. The program has since been expanded to include credits against the insurance premium tax for contributions to eligible non-profit SFOs, credits against severance taxes on oil and gas production, self-accrued sales tax liabilities of direct pay permit holders, and alcoholic beverage taxes on beer, wine, and spirits. The maximum amount the state may award is \$229 million in credits for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Contributions Help Provide Choices for Parents

During the 2011-12 school year, scholarships in the amount of \$147.4 million were awarded to a total of 40,248 students enrolled in 1,216 participating Florida private schools. Third-quarter 2012-13 FTC scholarship student participation reflects an enrollment increase of over twenty-six percent (26%) from the 2011-12 school year.*

FTC Scholarship Participation



Scholarship Funding Organizations and Private School Partners

Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) are responsible for the receipt and distribution of contributed funds to eligible students attending participating Florida private schools. Scholarships are awarded to low-income students to attend a private school or assist with transportation costs to attend a public school in an adjacent district. In 2012-13, the scholarships to attend an eligible private school are worth \$4,335 for private school tuition and fees. Step Up For Students is the only Scholarship Funding Organization eligible to participate in the FTC Scholarship program for the 2012-13 school year.



FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STATISTICS

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	<p>Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) Participation: One SFO is participating in the 2012-13 school year.</p> <p>Deadline for Application: Potential SFO must apply to the Department of Education by February 1</p> <p>Deadline for Students Applying for a Scholarship: Determined by the SFO</p> <p>Deadline for Private School Eligibility: New Schools: None Renewing Schools: March 1st to submit a Scholarship Compliance Form May 1st for all other documentation</p>	
SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS	<p>2012 – 2013 51,023 Students*</p> <p>2011 – 2012 40,248 Students</p> <p>2010 – 2011 34,550 Students</p> <p>2009 – 2010 28,927 Students</p> <p>2008 – 2009 24,871 Students</p>	
STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN 2012 – 2013	<p>Race/Ethnicity:</p> <p>White, Non Hispanic: 25%</p> <p>Black, Non Hispanic: 33%</p> <p>Hispanic: 35%</p> <p>Others: 7%</p> <p>Gender:</p> <p>Female: 51%</p> <p>Male: 49%</p>	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS	<p>2012 – 2013 1,330 Schools*</p> <p>2011 – 2012 1,216 Schools</p> <p>2010 – 2011 1,114 Schools</p> <p>2009 – 2010 1,033 Schools</p> <p>2008 – 2009 1,002 Schools</p>	
TYPE OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN 2012 – 2013	<p>Religious: 73%</p> <p>Non-Religious: 27%</p>	
SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS	<p><u>Amount per Student</u></p>	<p><u>Annual Total</u></p>
	<p>2012 – 2013 \$4,335</p> <p>2011 – 2012 \$4,011</p> <p>2010 – 2011 \$4,106</p> <p>2009 – 2010 \$3,950</p> <p>2008 – 2009 \$3,950</p> <p>2007 – 2008 \$3,750</p>	<p>Available in July 2013</p> <p>\$147,481,308</p> <p>\$129,474,868</p> <p>\$106,049,940</p> <p>\$88,626,463</p> <p>\$73,450,691</p>
STATUTORY AND RULE REFERENCES	<p>s. 1002.395, F.S.; s. 1002.421, F.S. Rule 6A-6.03315, F.A.C.; Rule 6A-6.0960, F.A.C.</p>	

*2012-13 data not final, as of February 2013 FTC Quarterly Report. Percentages are rounded.