



3 or 4 year olds, Kindergarten – 12th Grade Scholarships

Gardiner Scholarship Program (formally known as PLSA)

For Students with specific disabilities to attend a Florida Private School or a Home education Program



Your child may qualify for a scholarship with one or more of the following disabilities: (as defined in statue 1002.385)

- 1. Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 2. Down Syndrome
- 3. Cerebral Palsy
- 4. Intellectual Disability
- 5. Prader-Willi Syndrome
- 6. Phelan-McDermid

- 7. Spina Bifida
- 8. Williams Syndrome
- 9. Muscular Dystrophy
- 10. A student in Kindergarten being a high-risk child



In order to qualify for the Scholarship:

- A student must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1st of the year the student applies for the program, **OR**
- A student entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1st, OR
- A student entering 1st grade must be 6 years old on or before September 1st, AND
- You must be a Florida resident, AND
- A student must have a written diagnosis from a licensed physician or psychologist that identifies the qualifying disabilities, AND
- The student may be enrolled in a private school or a home education program.



A student may not receive a Scholarship and:

- Continue to attend a Florida public school, including:
 - o Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
 - o Florida Virtual School (as a public school student)
 - o College-Preparatory Boarding Academy
 - A developmental research school
 - o A district Charter school
 - A district virtual education program (as a public school student)
- Receive a McKay Scholarship or a Tax Credit (Income-Based) Scholarship.
- Enroll in a school operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in the Department of Juvenile Justice commitment programs.

