



What is the Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program? The Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program (PLSA) was established in 2014 to provide parents the option to better meet the individual needs of their eligible children. Parents of eligible Florida children may use the accounts to purchase approved education-related goods or services, as well as provide for prepaid college plans.

Who is eligible for Personal Learning Scholarship Account Program? A student is eligible for a PLSA from AAA through this program, if:

- A. the student is a resident of Florida; and
- B. the student will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, or
- C. the student is eligible to enroll in kindergarten through grade twelve in a public school in Florida; and
- D. the student has a disability as defined by Section 1002.385(2)(d), Florida Statutes; and
- E. the student has a diagnosis of an eligible disability that matches the definition in Section 1002.385(2)(d) from a licensed physician or psychologist.

What types of disabilities qualify?

- A. Autism Spectrum Disorder
- B. Cerebral palsy
- C. Down syndrome
- D. Intellectual Disability
- E. Prader-Willi syndrome
- F. Spina bifida
- G. Kindergarteners deemed "high risk" because of developmental delays
- H. Muscular Dystrophy
- I. Williams Syndrome

How much is the scholarship worth? The scholarship amount will vary according to grade, county and disability, and is worth 90 percent of the funding a school district would receive for the student. The average amount for most students is \$10,000. Students with the most severe disabilities may be eligible for a higher scholarship amount if the student receives an IEP after he/she has been awarded a PLSA.

How can the scholarship account funds be used?

The accounts can be used to pay for authorized:

- A. Instructional materials, including digital devices, digital periphery devices, and assistive technology
- B. Curriculum materials
- C. Specialized services by approved providers which may include, but are not limited to applied behavior analysis services, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapy; physical therapy; services from listening and spoken language specialists
- D. Tuition and fees at an eligible private school
- E. Private tutoring
- F. Virtual programs offered by FL DOE approved private online providers
- G. Florida Virtual School
- H. Approved online courses;
- I. Fees for nationally standardized, norm-referenced achievement tests, AP exams, industry certification exams, assessments related to postsecondary education or other assessments
- J. Contributions to Florida Prepaid College Program
- K. Contracted services provided by a public school or school districts

How do I apply for a scholarship? AAA will provide an application on our website at www.aascholarships.org that can be completed on-line and then printed, signed and mailed into us along with ALL required documentation including a diagnosis of an eligible disability from a licensed Florida physician or psychologist.