



Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (Formerly Gardiner Scholarship Program) Application for School Year 2021-2022

(Deadline to apply posted at www.aaascholarships.org)

Initial scholarships are granted in the order of first application completed, first awarded.

If you enroll your student into a private school before you have received a SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTER and School Commitment Form (SCF), you will be responsible for your student's tuition and he/she may not qualify for future scholarship funding. Funding is not guaranteed. Please consider this before enrolling your student(s) in a private school.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION? COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS BELOW TO FIND OUT.

1.) Does the household live in Florida?

Yes, please continue to question #2.

No, we live in another state. STOP – do not apply, your household is NOT eligible.

2.) Will your student be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021?

Yes, my Florida student will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Please continue to question #4.

No, my Florida student will be at least 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021. Please continue to question #3.

No, my student will not meet the age requirements for Florida. STOP – do not apply; your student does not qualify to receive a 2021-2022 AAA scholarship.

3.) Will your student be the required age to attend Kindergarten through 12th grade on or before September 1, 2021?

Yes, my Florida student will be at least 5 years old but not older than 22 years old on September 1, 2021. Please continue to question #4.

No, my student will not meet the age requirements for Florida. STOP – do not apply; your student does not qualify to receive a 2021-2022 AAA scholarship.

4.) Does your student have at least one of the following 26 disabilities?

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| 1. Autism Spectrum Disorder | 7. Spina bifida | 13. Deaf | 19. Language impairment | 23. Dyslexia |
| 2. Down syndrome | 8. For a 3-5-year-old, being a high-risk child | 14. Visually impaired | 20. Orthopedic impairment | 24. Dyscalculia |
| 3. Cerebral palsy | 9. Muscular Dystrophy | 15. Traumatic brain injured | 21. An other health impairment, as defined in Rule 6A-6.030152 | 25. Developmental aphasia |
| 4. Intellectual disability | 10. Williams syndrome | 16. Rare disease | 22. Emotional or behavioral disability | 26. Another specific learning disability not listed above |
| 5. Phelan-McDermid | 11. Dual sensory impaired | 17. Hospital or homebound | | |
| 6. Prader-Willi syndrome | 12. Anaphylaxis | 18. Speech impairment | | |

Yes, my student has been diagnosed with at least one of 26 listed disabilities. Please continue to question #5.

No, my student has not been diagnosed with at least one of 26 listed disabilities. STOP – do not apply; your student does not qualify to receive a 2021-2022 AAA scholarship.

5.) Is your household/student otherwise eligible?

Yes, neither my student nor my household has been disqualified from the program for any reason, including AAA's internal audit process. Please continue to complete the application on the next page.

No, my student or our household has been disqualified/revoked from program participation for any reason, including an internal audit process in the past. STOP – do not apply; your household does not qualify for a 2021-2022 AAA scholarship.

Please Note that a student may NOT receive a FES-SD Scholarship AND:

1. Continue to attend a Florida public school, including:
 - a. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
 - b. Florida Virtual School (as a public-school student)
 - c. College-Preparatory Boarding Academy
 - d. A developmental research school
 - e. A district charter school
 - f. A district virtual education program (as a public school student)
2. Remain on a McKay Scholarship or a Tax Credit (Income-Based) Scholarship during the same school year
3. Remain in a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program during the same school year
4. Enroll in a school operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in the Department of Juvenile Justice commitment programs

Questions? Call 1-888-707-2465 or Email: AAAGardiner@aaascholarships.org