



The School District of DeSoto County

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Date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Dr. Bobby Bennett
Superintendent

We would like to inform you that that your student may be eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities Program (FES UA). This program was created to provide additional educational options for families of students with disabilities.

Board Members

Jami Schueneman
District 1

By participating in the FES UA Program, your student may have the option to attend a different public school in your district, attend a public school in an adjacent district, or receive a scholarship in the form of an education savings account (ESA). FES UA funds can be used for items such as private school tuition and fees, online learning programs, private tutoring, therapies, community college costs, and other approved customized learning services and materials.

Dr. Sharon Goodman
District 2

Eligibility to participate in the ESA option of FES UA is established in section 1002.394, Florida Statutes, which also sets caps on the number of students who can enter the program each year. Parents interested in the option may submit an application to one of the state's two scholarship funding organizations (SFOs) that administer this program. Please take note of any deadlines for submission and completion of applications provided by the SFOs.

Karen Chancey
District 3

To learn more about your student's public school options, contact your district's school choice office. For more information on the ESA option of the FES UA program, please contact one of the SFOs below:

Asena Mott
District 4

Kelly Mercer
District 5

[A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- FL, LLC](#)
P.O. Box 15719, Tampa, FL 33684
Phone/Fax: 888-707-2465
info@aaascholarships.org

[Step Up For Students](#)
P.O. Box 54367
Jacksonville, FL 32245-4367
877-735-7837
info@stepupforstudents.org

Please note this letter serves to notify you that your child may be eligible to participate in the FES UA Program. This letter does not guarantee your student's eligibility to participate.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bobby Bennett, Superintendent
DeSoto County School District



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES

Basic Scholarship Amounts for 2024-25

Students with a Level 1, 2 or 3 matrix of services OR those with diagnosis by a physician or psychologist will be awarded at the Matrix Level 251-253 indicated below.

For a student who received a scholarship in the 2020-21 school year, the amount of the award will be the greater of the amount calculated below or the amount the student received for the 2020-21 school year.

Note: The county is the one the student lives in according to their 2024-25 scholarship application.

District	ESE Levels 1-3 (251-253)			ESE Level 4 (254)	ESE Level 5 (255)
	3 & 4 Years Grades K-3	Grades 4-8	Grades 9-12		
Alachua	\$10,203	\$9,574	\$9,457	\$21,896	\$34,130
Baker	\$10,778	\$10,132	\$10,011	\$22,852	\$35,425
Bay	\$10,311	\$9,682	\$9,565	\$22,004	\$34,238
Bradford	\$10,871	\$10,225	\$10,104	\$22,945	\$35,518
Brevard	\$10,258	\$9,629	\$9,512	\$21,951	\$34,185
Broward	\$10,435	\$9,790	\$9,670	\$22,415	\$34,966
Calhoun	\$11,118	\$10,472	\$10,351	\$23,192	\$35,765
Charlotte	\$10,749	\$10,120	\$10,003	\$22,442	\$34,676
Citrus	\$10,793	\$10,164	\$10,047	\$21,876	\$34,110
Clay	\$10,215	\$9,586	\$9,469	\$21,908	\$34,142
Collier	\$12,604	\$11,945	\$11,822	\$24,324	\$37,151
Columbia	\$10,615	\$9,969	\$9,848	\$22,508	\$35,081
Dade	\$10,523	\$9,880	\$9,761	\$22,522	\$35,027
De Soto	\$11,334	\$10,688	\$10,567	\$22,822	\$35,395
Dixie	\$10,855	\$10,209	\$10,088	\$22,929	\$35,502
Duval	\$10,302	\$9,668	\$9,549	\$22,120	\$34,466
Escambia	\$10,286	\$9,657	\$9,540	\$21,979	\$34,213
Flagler	\$10,827	\$10,198	\$10,081	\$21,816	\$34,050
Franklin	\$11,789	\$11,143	\$11,022	\$23,863	\$36,436
Gadsden	\$10,696	\$10,050	\$9,929	\$22,770	\$35,343
Gilchrist	\$11,090	\$10,444	\$10,323	\$23,164	\$35,737
Glades	\$11,382	\$10,736	\$10,615	\$23,456	\$36,029
Gulf	\$11,450	\$10,804	\$10,683	\$23,524	\$36,097
Hamilton	\$11,574	\$10,928	\$10,807	\$23,157	\$35,730
Hardee	\$10,839	\$10,193	\$10,072	\$22,563	\$35,136
Hendry	\$10,172	\$9,526	\$9,405	\$22,246	\$34,819
Hernando	\$10,581	\$9,952	\$9,835	\$21,861	\$34,095
Highlands	\$10,424	\$9,778	\$9,657	\$22,498	\$35,071
Hillsborough	\$10,307	\$9,671	\$9,552	\$22,166	\$34,549
Holmes	\$11,180	\$10,534	\$10,413	\$23,129	\$35,702
Indian River	\$10,551	\$9,922	\$9,805	\$22,244	\$34,478
Jackson	\$10,892	\$10,246	\$10,125	\$22,875	\$35,448
Jefferson	\$12,806	\$12,160	\$12,039	\$24,354	\$36,927
Lafayette	\$11,182	\$10,536	\$10,415	\$23,256	\$35,829

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Lake	\$10,165	\$9,536	\$9,419	\$21,858	\$34,092
Lee	\$11,173	\$10,539	\$10,421	\$22,441	\$34,761
Leon	\$10,762	\$10,133	\$10,016	\$21,950	\$34,184
Levy	\$10,904	\$10,258	\$10,137	\$22,978	\$35,551
Liberty	\$11,256	\$10,610	\$10,489	\$23,330	\$35,903
Madison	\$10,983	\$10,337	\$10,216	\$22,814	\$35,387
Manatee	\$10,337	\$9,708	\$9,591	\$22,025	\$34,259
Marion	\$10,187	\$9,558	\$9,441	\$21,880	\$34,114
Martin	\$10,825	\$10,191	\$10,073	\$22,611	\$34,928
Monroe	\$14,039	\$13,386	\$13,265	\$26,256	\$38,956
Nassau	\$10,609	\$9,980	\$9,863	\$22,302	\$34,536
Okaloosa	\$10,548	\$9,919	\$9,802	\$22,043	\$34,277
Okeechobee	\$10,567	\$9,921	\$9,800	\$22,641	\$35,214
Orange	\$10,320	\$9,685	\$9,567	\$22,155	\$34,515
Osceola	\$10,220	\$9,591	\$9,474	\$21,913	\$34,147
Palm Beach	\$10,754	\$10,100	\$9,978	\$23,008	\$35,741
Pasco	\$10,289	\$9,660	\$9,543	\$21,906	\$34,140
Pinellas	\$10,496	\$9,865	\$9,747	\$22,237	\$34,514
Polk	\$10,243	\$9,614	\$9,497	\$21,913	\$34,147
Putnam	\$10,670	\$10,024	\$9,903	\$22,744	\$35,317
St. Johns	\$10,300	\$9,671	\$9,554	\$21,993	\$34,227
St. Lucie	\$11,010	\$10,381	\$10,264	\$22,027	\$34,261
Santa Rosa	\$10,298	\$9,669	\$9,552	\$21,887	\$34,121
Sarasota	\$11,233	\$10,594	\$10,475	\$22,902	\$35,330
Seminole	\$10,261	\$9,632	\$9,515	\$21,954	\$34,188
Sumter	\$10,869	\$10,240	\$10,123	\$22,510	\$34,744
Suwannee	\$10,455	\$9,809	\$9,688	\$22,529	\$35,102
Taylor	\$10,723	\$10,077	\$9,956	\$22,797	\$35,370
Union	\$10,941	\$10,295	\$10,174	\$23,015	\$35,588
Volusia	\$10,123	\$9,494	\$9,377	\$21,816	\$34,050
Wakulla	\$10,468	\$9,822	\$9,701	\$22,542	\$35,115
Walton	\$12,091	\$11,462	\$11,345	\$23,627	\$35,861
Washington	\$11,082	\$10,436	\$10,315	\$23,156	\$35,729