



Apply NOW for a 2021-22 Family Empowerment Scholarship (formerly Gardiner)

Apply by August 1

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Apply now through Step Up For Students for a Family Empowerment Scholarship (formerly Gardiner) for the 2021-22 school year.

IMPORTANT: To ensure timely processing to be considered for a full Family Empowerment Scholarship (formerly Gardiner), **Step Up For Students needs to receive your application and all required documents by August 1, 2021.** We will continue to accept applications after August 1, but cannot assure those received after that date will be processed in time to potentially receive a full award.

Please read the below in its entirety before beginning an application.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Step 1: Click the button below.

Step 2: Create an account/Login

If you have an existing account, enter your username and password.

If you do not have an account, please create one by entering an active email account that you use frequently and creating a password. You will need to verify the creation of your new account via the email account indicated.

After verifying your new account, return to the login screen and enter your username and password.

Step 3: Once logged in, select “2021-2022” from the drop-down menu and click “Go to application.”

Step 4: Complete and submit your application and any supporting documentation.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

The following documentation is required to process your application. Providing these documents with the application will allow us to process your application much more efficiently:

1. The 2021-2022 Sworn Compliance Statement (You can print this document within your Step Up For Students login and it must be completed and submitted to Step Up For Students.)
2. Proof of Florida residency (i.e., Florida Driver’s License issued after January 2010)
3. Documentation of the student’s diagnosis from a licensed physician or psychologist OR a current IEP, issued by a public school.

We cannot process your application until all documents have been received. If additional documentation is required, we will contact you by email. Not providing the correct documentation in a timely manner will delay the processing of your application. Processing times vary depending on the volume of applications received by Step Up For Students and may take up to three weeks.

IMPORTANT:

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be awarded based on the date and time eligibility was determined. Awards are conditional until the final verification for your student's Family Empowerment Scholarship for the 2021-22 school year has been completed by the Florida Department of Education. Funding is determined by the Florida Department of Education and is distributed, as long as funds remain available. **If funding is not available at the time an award determination is made, the student may be placed on the waitlist.**

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For questions, please contact us via email at FES-Gardiner@Sufs.org, or call our Service Center at 877-735-7837, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET. You may also utilize online chat by simply going to our website.

Thank you,

Step Up For Students