

# Please read this entire email before applying.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

### Step 1: Click the button below to begin

#### Step 2: Create an account/login

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

If you <u>do not</u> 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, follow these step-by-step instructions:

- 1. Click on 'Apply for or resume a scholarship application for 2021-2022 school year"
- 2. Complete the '*Certification Application*' page.
- 3. Complete the parent information section. Make sure to include your Social Security Number (SSN) and attach your proof of Florida residency.
- 4. Please indicate if there is a secondary adult that lives in the household and fill out their information.
- 5. Start the student section.
  - a. If the student is a dependent of an active-duty military member, please click yes when the question below appears:

|                             | Parent      | 2<br>Student | 3<br>Scholarship | 4<br>Summary | 5<br>Complete! |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| School Year: 2021-2022      |             |              |                  |              |                |        |
| Is this student a dependent | of an activ | e duty m     | ember of t       | the US Ar    | med Forces?    |        |
|                             |             | (            | ) No 💿           | Yes          |                |        |
|                             |             |              |                  |              |                |        |
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- b. Please continue answering all questions in the student section.
- c. Include the student's SSN if they have one.
- d. Continue to add all students who would like to use a 2021-22 scholarship.
- 6. Once you have completed all student information, please click on the 'scholarship' button to start the process of verifying eligibility.
- 7. Please add all non-scholarship members who live in your household.
- 8. Continue to answer all questions about your household makeup.
- 9. When you reach the income page, please click 'Start':

|                        | Parent           | Student Scholarship | 4 5<br>Summary Complete!    |        |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| School Year: 2021-2022 |                  |                     |                             |        |
| Please enter income f  | or each adult in | the household.      |                             |        |
|                        |                  |                     |                             |        |
|                        | Name             | Annual Income       |                             |        |
|                        | Test Test        | \$0.00              | Start 💿                     |        |
|                        |                  |                     | Total Annual Income: \$0.00 |        |
|                        |                  |                     |                             |        |
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10. Under Employment income, include your income that comes from the <u>U.S. Armed</u> <u>Forces:</u>

|                             | 1<br>Parent            | Student      | 3<br>Scholarship | 4<br>Summary | 5<br>Complete! |            |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| School Year: 2021-2022      |                        |              |                  |              |                |            |
| Test's Income Summary       | /                      |              |                  |              |                |            |
| On this page you can add al | Test's sources         | of income.   |                  |              |                |            |
| 📋 Employment Income         |                        |              |                  |              |                | \$0.0      |
| Wages from Check/Direct Dep | osit • Wages from Casi | • Self-Owned |                  |              |                |            |
|                             |                        |              |                  |              |                | ADD INCOME |

- 11. Please upload a copy of the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) of the Active-duty Military parent as verification.
  - a. Once the LES has been verified, your family's income *will not* be taken into consideration for scholarship eligibility (*unless you choose the transportation assistance option*).
- 12. Please complete the income section.
- 13. Upload all documentation. Review the summary page and submit your application.

**AFTER YOU APPLY:** 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 and may affect your award amount. Processing times vary depending on the volume of applications received by Step Up For Students and may take up to three weeks.



If you have any questions, you can contact us at <u>info@stepupforstudents.org</u> or by calling our Service Center at 877-735-7837. Our Service Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET. You may also contact us through the Online Chat option on our website at <u>www.StepUpForStudents.org</u>. We are here to help you.

Thank you,

Step Up For Students

Help us spread the word: If you know a family whose child may benefit from the from one of Step Up's other scholarships, please ask them to visit <u>www.StepUpForStudents.org</u>.