



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

August 15, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We would like to inform you 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.

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 cost, and other approved customized learning services and materials.

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 deadline for submission and completion of applications provided by the SFOs.

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:

A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation – FL, LLC
P.O. Box 15719
Tampa, FL 33684
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.**

SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James Golden
Chair

Gina Messenger
Vice Chair

Chad Choate III
Mary Foreman
Charlie Kennedy

SUPERINTENDENT

Cynthia Saunders