



## Mission

Step Up For Students empowers parents to pursue and engage in the most appropriate learning options for their children, with an emphasis on families who lack the financial resources to access these options.

## The Power To Choose

Step Up believes education is not one-size-fits-all. For 20 years, Step Up has worked to close educational gaps for Florida's most vulnerable schoolchildren by providing educational choice options for lower-income, special needs, bullied and reading challenged students.

It is our ultimate hope that all Florida students have access to educational tools, including schools, therapists and other interventions that best meet their learning needs.

## Programs

Step Up For Students is a state-approved nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer four scholarships for Florida schoolchildren: the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program, the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES), the Hope Scholarship, and the Reading Scholarship Accounts. Students are eligible for these programs based on household income, special needs diagnosis, reported incidents of bullying or reading test scores. Together, these programs position students to reach their ultimate potential.

## The Impact

Students served by Step Up scholarship programs are beating the odds and achieving academic success.

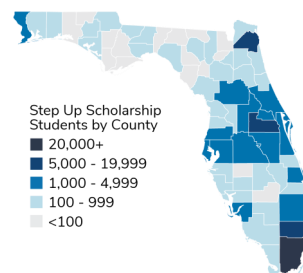


**Independent research on the FTC program has shown over a decade of annual academic gains, as well as significantly higher college enrollment and degree attainment among FTC scholars.**

Lower-income schoolchildren are not alone on the path to success. Special needs students are accessing much-needed therapies, once-bullied students are thriving in safe environments, and third through fifth graders in Florida public elementary schools are receiving intervention to help them read at grade level.

## Florida Tax Credit Program

The Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program is the largest of all the programs that Step Up administers. This unique program provides dollar-for-dollar tax credits to companies that redirect certain Florida tax liabilities to Step Up For Students. The dollars fund income-based K-12 education scholarships for Florida children. Parents use these scholarships to send their child to a public or private school that provides the learning environment that best meets their child's needs.



55% of students live in single-parent households



68% of scholarship students are Black or Hispanic



Average FTC household income of \$32,835

Dollar-for-dollar credits are available through six eligible tax liabilities:



- Business Rent - up to 100%
- Corporate Income - up to 100%
- Insurance Premium - up to 100%
- Direct Pay Sales & Use - up to 100%
- Alcoholic Beverage Excise - up to 90%
- Oil/Gas Production - up to 50%

## Support Step Up

Join other loyal donors by supporting Step Up's work to deliver quality educational options to Florida schoolchildren and help close equity gaps that exist in our system of education today.

Learn more about how your company can fund FTC Scholarships by visiting [FLTaxCredit.org](http://FLTaxCredit.org) or calling 833-450-3287.

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