



**Children's  
Medical Services  
Health Plan**  
OPERATED BY SUNSHINE HEALTH



# CMS Health Plan School Scholarship Guide

There are different types of school scholarships available to your child in Florida. Learn more about them below. Find more information on [scholarship programs](#).

**The Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES):** Pays for private school tuition at an average of \$7,700 per school year. The amount awarded is based on income or matrix score. Matrix score is based on the level of services on the IEP or 504 plan. There are two options:

- **The Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO):** Gives families of K-12 students a choice of financial assistance toward private school tuition and fees. It also helps with transportation costs for students to attend a public school different than the one the student is assigned to.
- **Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA):** Designed to assist students with disabilities. Allows parents to personalize their child's education by directing money toward a combination of programs and approved providers. This includes schools, therapists, specialists, technology and even a college savings account.
- **Documents needed:**
  - Proof of child's age
  - Proof of disability
  - Proof of residency
  - Sworn compliance statement

**The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC):** Created for families that have limited financial resources. There are two options:

- Scholarship to assist with the cost of transportation to a public school other than their assigned school
- Scholarship to a private school

**HOPE Scholarship:** Developed for students K-12 who have been victims of bullying or violence within a public school. The report of an incident must be submitted to the school principal so it can be investigated. There are two options:

- Financial assistance toward private school tuition and fees
- Assistance with transportation to a public school in another school district



## QUESTIONS?

- For more information on schools and scholarships in Florida, visit [Step Up for Students](#) or call 1-877-735-7837, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern.
- For help from CMS Health Plan, contact Member Services at 1-866-799-5321, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern. You can also contact your child's Care Manager.

The Children's Medical Services Health Plan has partnered with Sunshine Health to provide managed care services to our members. Sunshine Health is a licensed Florida health plan.

Children's Medical Services Health Plan provides free aids and services to people with disabilities, such as qualified sign language interpreters, written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic and other formats), and free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

This information is available for free in other languages. Please contact Member Services at 1-866-799-5321, TTY 1-800-955-8770 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Esta información está disponible en otros idiomas de manera gratuita. Comuníquese con nuestro número de servicio al cliente al 1-866-799-5321, TTY 1-800-955-8770 de lunes a viernes, de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m.

Si oumenm, oubyen yon moun w ap ede, gen kesyon nou ta renmen poze sou Children's Medical Services Health Plan, ou gen tout dwa pou w jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang manman w san sa pa koute w anyen. Pou w pale avèk yon entèprèt, sonnen nimewo 1-866-799-5321 (TTY 1-800-955-8770).

Nếu quý vị, hay người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi về Children's Medical Services Health Plan, quý vị sẽ có quyền được giúp và có thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thông dịch viên, xin gọi 1-866-799-5321 (TTY 1-800-955-8770).