

Private School Selection – What's Next?

Visit the private school that interests you. The school will need your confirmation number when you enroll. If you choose to send your child to a participating private school, you will receive funding from the state to pay for tuition. The amount provided will be equal to the amount of state funds the student generates, or the tuition of the private school, whichever is less. If the tuition is greater than the state funding provided, you must make up the difference. State warrants for payment will be sent directly to the participating private school and made payable to the parent. In order to receive the scholarship, parents must endorse the state warrant to the private school.

Also, please keep in mind that transportation to and from the private school will not be provided by the public school system.

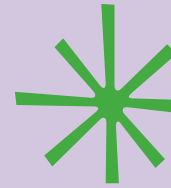
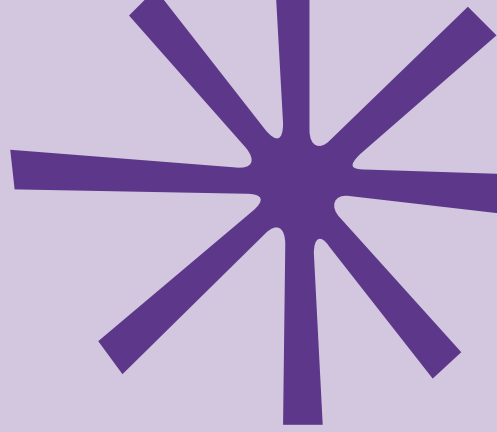
Once enrolled in the McKay Scholarship Program in a private school, there is no need to reapply in the future as long as your child is continuously enrolled in the same private school. If you withdraw your child from the private school and then send him/her to a public school, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Useful Information:

Application Deadline	Scholarship Percentage Funded	Scholarship Payment Date
July 3, 2009	100%	September 1, 2009
September 2, 2009	75%	November 1, 2009
December 3, 2009	50%	February 1, 2010
January 31, 2010	25%	April 1, 2010

Any Questions?

For additional information, please visit www.floridaschoolchoice.org or call the Duval County School Choice Office at (904) 390-2044. We'll be glad to offer complete assistance.




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School Choices For Students And Families



**McKay Scholarships Program
for Students with Disabilities**




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Special Choices For Special-Needs Students

The Duval County Public Schools Choice program was created to let parents make important decisions about the education of their children. One of the programs we oversee is the statewide John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.

Under this program, parents can choose to send their K-12 special-needs child to another school if they feel the student is not making adequate progress in his or her current school. Either a public or a private school may be selected, and the State of Florida will provide funding should you decide on a private school.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, a student must:

- Have been enrolled in a Florida public school and reported for funding during October 2008 and February 2009
- and–
- Have been classified as an ESE student (not gifted) with a current Individual Education Plan (IEP), written in accordance with the Florida State Department of Education guidelines

Out-of-state students with a parent serving active military duty must have attended an out-of-state public school between the above dates.

Public or Private

The first thing you as a parent need to do is determine if you want your child to apply to attend a private school or a public school. One of the choices open to you is sending your child to a new public school if you feel the special needs of the student are not being met in the current public school.



–or–

If you feel the special needs of your child are not being met in the public school setting, you may select a private school that meets your child's needs. You can find a listing of private schools that accept students for this scholarship at www.floridaschoolchoice.org. Click on "McKay Scholarships," and then click on "Private Schools."

Once you make your decision, you MUST go online to www.floridaschoolchoice.org to submit the application.

How to Apply

If you do not have Internet access, you may use computers provided at any public library.

- Step 1** Go to www.floridaschoolchoice.org
- Step 2** Click on "McKay Scholarships."
- Step 3** Click on "Apply for a McKay Scholarship."
- Step 4** Click on "Begin Filing an Intent."
- Step 5** Select "Duval" on the pull-down window, then click "Continue."
- Step 6** Enter the student's date of birth and name, then click "Continue."
- Step 7** Confirm the student information by verifying your child's date of birth and last four numbers of your child's SSN, then click "Continue."
- Step 8** Enter Parent/Guardian information (be sure to include work numbers) then click "Continue."
- Step 9** Enter your name as the person submitting the application, then click "Finish."
- Step 10** Print the page with the Confirmation Number. Keep this page for future reference.
- Step 11** Please wait a minimum of two weeks before you check the Web site to see if your child is eligible for the scholarship. Click on "Check Intent Status."



Note: If the Web page will not allow you to complete all of the above steps, it means that the site is experiencing technical problems. If this happens, you will need to try again in the next few days. Do not call the School Choice Office to submit an application for you if you are experiencing problems with the Web site.

Public School Selection – What's Next?

After you have filed your application online, you will need to submit a McKay Scholarship Program Public to Public Student Transfer Application. You may download an application at www.duvalchoice.com. Once completed, fax it to the School Choice Office at (904) 390-2616. A member of the School Choice office will then contact you. The selection of which public school your child will attend is made by the School Choice Office, not the parent.

Your child will remain in the school assigned by the School Choice office until he/she is promoted to the next school level (elementary, middle or high). After promotion to the next school level, if you want your child to attend another public school under this program other than your neighborhood school, you will need to submit another application through the School Choice office for selection of which public school your child will attend. The selection is made by the School Choice office, not the parent.

