



GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES FOR PRE-K STUDENTS

The Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) is available to students from ages 3 (before December 31) through grade 12 or age 22, whichever comes first, who are residents of the state of Florida and have a qualifying diagnosis.

FES-UA students can spend scholarship funds on a variety of pre-K options including tuition and fees at pre-K programs offered by eligible private schools, provider services, and more.

Enrolling in Pre-K at an Eligible Private School

Beginning the 2024-25 school year, eligible FES-UA students can enroll in pre-K programs offered by an eligible private school. To enroll, the parent/guardian must provide their award ID to the eligible private school of their choice. Once a school enrolls the student, families will receive an email prompting them to log in to EMA to review and approve the enrollment. An FES-UA student can only enroll in an eligible private school with an active EMA account.

Pre-K students have the flexibility to be enrolled Full-Time or Part-Time in EMA for tuition and fees. Part-time enrollment in EMA is only available for pre-K FES-UA students.

Please Note: the FES-UA scholarship **and** a VPK voucher may be used at an eligible private school at the same time.

Enrolling in Home Education as a Pre-K Student

FES-UA students may use their scholarship funds to pay for approved items and services for home education. Please see the [FES-UA Purchasing Guide](#) for more information on approved items. While pre-K students do not need to notify their local school district of their intent to participate in a Home Education Program, they will need to enroll with their district as a home education student prior to entering kindergarten.

Submitting a Reimbursement for a VPK or School Readiness Provider

Services from an approved provider that were paid for out-of-pocket may be eligible for reimbursement. A reimbursement request for the service can be submitted in EMA by providing the receipt/invoice and completing the required information. Please follow the directions in the [FES-UA Purchasing Guide](#) or [watch this quick tutorial](#).

Purchasing Direct Pay Services in EMA for VPK or School Readiness Providers

VPK and School Readiness providers can create profiles in the EMA Marketplace to offer their services to families. If the provider has approved services in EMA, the parent can purchase these services from the provider marketplace. To learn how to find providers and services in the Marketplace [click here](#).

For more information, please review the [FES-UA Parent/Guardian Handbook](#).

If you have questions, please visit www.sufs.org or call 1-877-735-7837 to connect with a live agent.