

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS FAQ

What is the difference between an FES-PEP and an FES-EO scholarship, and why won't the school accept the FES-PEP?

The FES-PEP is the scholarship for homeschoolers. The FES-EO is for private schools. When applying for a scholarship, a parent must be very careful to choose the right one. In addition, the applicant will have to choose it each year. (The type of award does not carry over from year to year, possibly due to the fact that parents sometimes change back and forth between homeschooling and private school.)

What are the steps for completing the Step Up for Students Award process?

1. Apply: [Step Up for Students Log-in](#)
2. Send screenshot of the award to the school
3. Confirm enrollment when prompted by SUFS via email
4. Approve quarterly payments by logging in to EMA account and following approval instructions
5. Reapply each year by April 30

Why do I have to send a copy of the award to the school if it has been renewed and I can see that in my EMA account?

Step Up for Students will not discuss a student's award with the school. All communication about the award is kept between SUFS and the guardian. The only way the school receives information about the award is from the guardian. Once the scholarship has been awarded, the parent/guardian needs to send information to the school in order for the school to apply it to the student's tuition. The best way to do this is to send a screenshot of the award to tuitionassistance@genevaschool.org that clearly shows the following:

Student Name

Type of Award (FES-EO or FES-UA)

Award ID

Award Amount

Why do I have to "confirm enrollment" in my EMA account even though I just sent the required award information to the school?

An SUFS scholarship can be used at any Florida private school. It is not assigned initially to The Geneva School. Once the school receives the award information from the parent, the school registers the award at Step Up for Students. **Step Up for Students then sends an email to the guardian requesting the guardian log in to their EMA account and confirm enrollment at The Geneva School.** This step is critical for The Geneva School to ensure accuracy, and it is also necessary for the school to receive the funds.

When asked to “Confirm Enrollment” in my EMA account after I send the award information to the school, why does the screen show tuition at a higher amount than what I was told it would be for the coming school year?

The EMA site chooses to show the amount that The Geneva School has provided to Step Up that is the total of tuition, enrollment fee, application fee, and testing fee for that particular grade. SUFS will not award a scholarship to a student for more than the total of tuition + fees.

After I give SUFS permission to send the funds to the school, why does SUFS require me to approve the quarterly payment to the school *each quarter*?

In order to maintain accurate records of continued enrollment, parents are required to approve the quarterly payments. Most often, these approval requests come in August, November, January, and April. The school **does not receive the payment** until the parent approves it in their EMA account. In the 23–24 school year, this was not a requirement. In the 24–25 school year, it was a requirement.

Why do I have to reapply each year for the Step Up for Students Scholarship?

The Florida Private School Scholarship is awarded for one school year at a time. Reapplying each February is a quick and easy process. The deadline to reapply is April 30. If a family does not apply for the award by that date, the guardian will have to apply as a new applicant, which is a lengthier process. Another reason to reapply early is that the first tuition payment for the following school year is due on May 10. If the school does not receive notification of award by April 15, the award will not be reflected in a family’s first invoice. If a family provides the award to the school after that date, the award amount will be deducted from the remaining tuition invoices.