



**DELPHI ACADEMY®**  
*of Florida*

Award Winning Private School in Clearwater, FL



## **Step Up Scholarship Information for 2026/2027 School Year**

### **We accept the following Step Up for Students Scholarships:**

- FTC (Florida Tax Credit)(5yo+ by Sept 1st, 2026)
- FES-EO (Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options) (5yo+ by Sept 1st, 2026)
- FES-UA (Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities) (3yo+ by Sept 1st, 2026)

You can find out more about these scholarships at **[stepupforstudents.org](http://stepupforstudents.org)**. The 2026/2027 school year award amounts have not yet been released, but for reference, the 25/26 school year Award amounts were \$8,503 for K-3rd (Beginner 2 - Form 2), \$7,921 for 4th-8th (Form 3 - Form 5), and \$7,770 for High School. If you are not already participating in this program, we encourage you to apply when their application period opens up in the Spring.

### **RENEWING SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Students enrolled in Step Up for the 2025–2026 school year will receive an email from Step Up to renew their scholarship once registration opens for 2026–2027. After your child's scholarship is renewed, you will receive a new Award ID for the 2026–2027 school year.

### **AWARD ID DUE DATE:**

- Please submit a screenshot of your Step Up approval showing the Award ID to [finance@delphifl.org](mailto:finance@delphifl.org) by **June 1, 2026** in order for the school to receive the first quarterly payment in the first funding distribution from Step Up.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. Once an enrolled family sends their Award ID to Delphi, Delphi will enroll your child through the school scholarship portal.
2. You will receive a notification to confirm your child's enrollment at Delphi through your parent scholarship portal.
3. On a quarterly basis, you will receive a notification to approve the disbursement of Step Up funding to Delphi. Please promptly approve these funds as failing to do so could affect your tuition payments.
4. Once Delphi receives the first-quarter funding from Step Up, your account will be pro-rated for the full amount of the scholarship. Because we have no control over when Step Up distributes their funding, families should be prepared to make their August and September payments in full.
5. Families who are unable to make their full August and September tuition payment may request early scholarship funding for the first payment by emailing [kellye@delphifl.org](mailto:kellye@delphifl.org) with a detailed request with their most recent income tax return. These requests will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee and must demonstrate financial need.
6. If a student's scholarship is not funded for any reason the tuition payments must still be completed by the parents as per your contract agreement.

**ATTENDANCE NOTICE:**

Delphi is inspected periodically throughout the school year by a Step Up For Students Representative. Among other items up for inspection are the attendance records of students participating in the Step Up scholarship program. Schools are required to track students attendance in accordance with the Florida Department of Education regulations, including their description of excused and unexcused: tardiness, absences, and early dismissals.

As per the Step Up for Students Handbook (found here:

<https://go.stepupforstudents.org/hubfs/HANDBOOKS/Parent%20Handbooks/Private-School-Family-Handbook.pdf>), one of the actions that may lead to a loss of the scholarship is “failure to satisfy state compulsory attendance requirements”. Therefore consistent truancy can trigger a review of eligibility, and the scholarship may be revoked.

For reference, habitual truancy is defined in Florida Statute 1003.01 as a student who has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days with or without the knowledge or consent of the student’s parent. Please refer to our Welcome to Delphi Pack for more information regarding excused and unexcused absences at [delphifl.org/parent-resources](http://delphifl.org/parent-resources).