

**Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) (Formerly Gardiner or McKay Scholarships)** allows parents of students with unique abilities to personalize the education of their children by directing scholarship dollars toward Palmer Catholic Academy. This would include any student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a qualifying documented disability from a licensed physician. Many diagnoses by a physician qualify, including anaphylaxis, autism, intellectual disability, and other health impairment (i.e. ADD, Asthma, and Type 1 Diabetes). On average, this scholarship is \$10,000.

*Additionally, all children in a family who have a sibling on the FES-UA scholarship, regardless of income, will qualify for a "Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options" (FES-EO).*

**Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) and the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program** give parents the ability to choose a school that best meets their children's needs by providing a scholarship to attend Palmer Catholic Academy. Eligibility is determined by household income. For example, a family of four in the 2021-22 school year could make almost \$100,000 annually and qualify. For applications for the 2022-23 school year, we are anticipating a family of four could make almost \$112,000 annually and qualify. These numbers are not usually finalized until later in the year. ***Dependent children of a reservist or an active-duty military member of the United States Armed Forces automatically qualify for this scholarship based on his or her parent's service to our country, regardless of income.*** On average, this scholarship is \$7,000.

More information can be found on these State scholarships by visiting [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org), scanning the QR code below, or by calling admissions at 904-543-8515.



*The balance of the tuition and fees is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.*