2026-27 Renewal Student Application Checklist

Documents Required For All Renewal Applications (FTC, FES-EO, PEP, and FES-UA)
Returning students who received scholarship funds during the 2025-26 school year are considered renewal students.

Proof of Florida Residency (For Primary or Secondary Parent or Guardian)
Proof of Residency must be established with ***two (2) different document types*** (see below for the list of document types) and provided by the primary or secondary guardian. All documents must be current and valid. Recurring bills or statements must be dated within two months of the application submission date. Documents submitted must match the primary or secondary guardian's full name and the current physical street address provided on the application. Both Proof of Residency documents must be from the same guardian.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS

All Applications Must Have Two (2) Different Document Types

- Automobile Insurance Statement
- Florida Driver's License OR State-Issued ID
- Health Insurance Statement
- Homeless Verification OR Certificate
- Homeowners OR Renters Insurance Policy
- Homestead OR Property Tax Statement/Assessment
- Leave And Earnings Statement (LES)*
- Migrant Address Verification Letter
- Mortgage Acceptance Letter
- Mortgage Statement OR Residential Lease Agreement
- Paystub
- Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders*
- Proof of Current Government Benefits *(Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Disability, Medicare, Section 8/HUD, TANF, SNAP, DCF Correspondence)*
- Property Deed
- Residential Internet Bill
- Utility Bill *(Electric, Gas, Water)*

* *If your student is a dependent child of an active-duty member of the United States Armed Forces and you or the secondary guardian have PCS orders to move **into or out of the State of Florida**, you must provide updated PCS orders and a recent Leave and Earnings Statement as Proof of Residency.*
* *Military families currently living **in the state of Florida** must provide any two Proof of Residency document types, excluding PCS and LES, and may provide documentation for the primary or secondary guardian.*

Social Security Number
A social security number will need to be entered for you and your student.
Note: FES applications require student social security numbers. If you do not have or your student does not have a social security number, leave this question blank. Your student will only be considered for FTC.

Additional Documents Required Only for Renewal FES-UA Applications (if applicable)

High Risk Diagnosis Documentation (if applicable)
Children at age six (6) are no longer eligible as High Risk based on developmental delay alone and will need to establish eligibility under another disability. If your student previously qualified for the FES-UA Scholarship under a High Risk diagnosis and will be turning six years old on or before September 1, 2026, you must submit new diagnosis documentation to demonstrate the student qualifies under a different eligible diagnosis for the 2026-27 school year.

2026-27 New Student Application Checklist

Documents Required For All New Applications (FTC, FES-EO, PEP, and FES-UA)

Proof of Florida Residency (For Primary or Secondary Parent or Guardian)
Proof of Residency must be established with ***two(2) different document types*** (see below for the list of document types) and provided by the primary or secondary guardian. All documents must be current and valid. Recurring bills or statements must be dated within two months of the application submission date. Documents submitted must match the primary or secondary guardian's full name and the current physical street address provided on the application. Both Proof of Residency documents must be from the same guardian.

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** Military families currently living **in the state of Florida** must provide any two Proof of Residency document types, excluding PCS and LES, and may provided documentation for the primary or secondary guardian.*

Proof of Child's Age
A birth certificate (or non-expired passport) is required for FES-UA students three to six years old and FTC/FES-EO/ PEP rising kindergarten and first-grade students (five or six years old on or before September 1, 2026) during the school year for which you are applying.

Social Security Number
A social security number will need to be entered for you and your student.
Note: FES applications require student social security numbers. If you do not have or your student does not have a social security number, leave this question blank. Your student will only be considered for FTC.

Additional Documents Required Only for New FES-UA Applications

Diagnosis Documentation
Click here to access the list of accepted diagnoses in the Unique Abilities Family Handbook, Appendix A.
Note: Please remove password protection from all files. Document size is limited to 5 MB (only 5 documents per upload field). If your diagnosis documentation is too large, upload the pages that include the student's name, diagnosis, physician, psychologist or an autonomous APRN's information.

Additional Documents Required Only for New FTC, FES-EO and PEP Applications (if applicable)

Proof of Income (Only When Applying for Income Priority)
Income documentation must be submitted for all members of the household aged 18 years and up.

- Pay stubs from the 30 consecutive days closest to when you submit your application
- Any other sources of income, such as unemployment, social security and/or child support benefits

Note: If you do not input income and/or choose not to upload verification documents, you will enter a non-priority status. Step Up For Students is obligated to award scholarships to students from income-prioritized households first.