



FOUNDATIONS
CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Welcome to Foundations Christian Montessori Academy!

Dear Prospective Family,

I want to personally thank you for your interest in Foundations. As you begin your journey, I invite you to take a virtual tour of our amazing campus so that you may get a glimpse of the wonderful programs and unique educational philosophy here at Foundations Christian Montessori Academy. Our virtual tour can be found on the home page of our website: www.foundationscma.org. At Foundations, we seek to ignite self-motivated, independent learners by integrating academic excellence and a respectful social community that results in confidence and lifelong achievement.

I realize that selecting a school for your child's education is a very important decision, and I am honored that you have chosen Foundations as a candidate in this process. If you still have a few questions after taking our virtual tour, let me know by emailing admissions@foundationscma.org. If you are ready to apply, please see the enclosed Admissions Checklist for your next steps. Once your child's application is received, we will contact you schedule an in-person classroom tour where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's prospective educator.

I am sure you will have many questions along this journey. Please feel free to contact me at the academy office and I will be more than happy to assist you. I wish you the best in your decision-making process and pray that God will lead you to the school that is the best fit for you, your family, and your child.

Heather J. Angersoll

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Head of School



Ten Reasons to Consider Christian Education

1.) Character formation

Christian schools' curriculum and philosophy can help bridge the gap in an era when character education is so important. Morals, ethics, and character development inform some of the fundamental beliefs and values of a Christian school.

2.) The Bible is taught

In Christian schools, not only is the Bible taught for what it is, the inspired Word of God, it serves as a foundation for other texts as well. Children in Christian schools become familiar with Bible stories at a young age, and the truths in the Bible become more familiar to them as they continue grow and learn. While the Bible is centuries old, it's a timeless lesson that is brought to life in Christian schools and is made relevant for students' lives today. With this, students have the opportunity to walk away with a better understanding of their curriculum as it relates to God's Word.

3.) Christian schools share your moral values

If your goal is to offer your child the same moral foundation that the Bible suggests, a Christian education is the best option. Moral and spiritual formation are important components of the best Christian schools want to develop a caring community, where everyone shares a unity that is based on care for one another, rather than conformity. It's our belief that a healthy environment for learning includes authentic relationships, and that education should develop both intellect and character, equipping students for lives of service in this world.

4.) Teachers model Christian principles

A child's teacher is an important role model. Your child spends a major portion of the school day under the influence of one or more key teachers. In the Christian school classroom, the teachers openly demonstrate and model Christian principles.

5.) Curriculum is aligned with Christian values

While strong academics continue to be at the forefront, Christian schools are given some freedom to align curriculum with Christian values. Concepts learned in the classroom can be viewed through a variety of lenses, including those of the Christian faith. For instance, if students are studying social justice, part of the conversation could include why Christians should care about social justice following the example of Jesus. In oceanography class, students may learn how climate change is affecting the ocean and weather, which could lead to a discussion focused on the need to care for all of God's creation.

6.) Prayer is part of the school day

Christian schools encourage praying and understand that prayer is a path to a more personal relationship with God. It also strengthens students' relationships with one another. Teachers and students continually pray for each other during challenging times and in good times – providing an inclusive, loving learning environment where everyone feels supported and welcome.

7.) Safety

In addition to physical well-being, Christian schools offer a safe emotional and spiritual environment. Bullying is not tolerated, and children are nurtured in a safe, caring environment, modeled by adults. Christian schools offer a safe avenue for students to express their ideas, explore new things, and most importantly, be themselves.

8.) Individual attention and differential instruction

Christian schools can almost always offer more individual attention than public schools. Christian school classes generally have fewer students, so teacher to student ratios are usually smaller.

9.) Positive peer pressure is all around

Having peers who have similar values helps complete this nurturing environment. Students are expected to reinforce positive habits, as well as positive attitudes. This goes for teachers, too. They're more than just lecturers; they are mentors, sometimes even friends, who truly know their students. This gives them more freedom to individually encourage, support and influence their students – demonstrating that it's okay to try new things, and it's cool to be smart.

10.) Whole Child Development

Christian schools' educational philosophy focuses on a Christian-based education that aims to develop well-rounded individuals. It is our belief that education should develop both intellect and character, thereby equipping students for lives of servant leadership. We seek to inspire and encourage each student to discover and develop his or her God given talents, preparing them for future success.



The Montessori Approach to Education

Benefits

- Each child is valued as a unique individual.
- Beginning at an early age, Montessori students develop order, concentration, coordination, and independence.
- Students are part of a close, caring community.
- Montessori students enjoy freedom within limits.
- Students are supported in becoming active seekers of knowledge.
- Self-correction and self-assessment are an integral part of the Montessori approach.

Environment

The design and flow of a Montessori classroom create a learning environment that accommodates choice. There are spaces suited to group activity and spaces where students can work independently. Well-defined areas for each part of the curriculum feature shelves or display tables with a variety of inviting materials from which to choose. You won't find customary rows of school desks; children work at tables or on the floor. It is common to see students of different ages working together. Older students enjoy mentoring their younger classmates, and younger students look up to the older and get a preview of the alluring work to come.

Curriculum

A hallmark of Montessori education is its hands-on approach to learning. Students work with specially designed materials, manipulating and investigating until they master the lesson inside. The concrete materials provide passages to abstraction and introduce concepts that become increasingly complex. Built into many of the materials is a mechanism for providing the student with some way of assessing his or her progress and correcting any mistakes, independent of the guide. As a student progresses, the guide replaces some materials with others, ensuring that the level of challenge continues to meet their needs.

The Teacher as the "Guide"

Guides observe each child and provide guidance as needed. They often drop to the level of the students, look into their eyes, and speak using positive words. The guides thoughtfully prepare the classroom environment. While she may guide her students to new lessons and challenges, it is the child's interaction with what the environment has to offer that enables learning to occur.



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ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

1 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted up to one year prior to the year of desired enrollment. To get started, complete the online student application and pay the application fee of \$50 per student through Foundations Christian Montessori Academy's website, www.foundationscma.org/admissions/apply

2 SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTS

Documents can be dropped off at the Academy office or emailed directly to admission at admission@foundationscma.org

ALL GRADES

- Birth certificate
- Immunization Records
- School Health/Physical

KINDERGARTEN

- Pre-K/VPK assessments

FIRST – NINTH GRADES

- Most recent and previous year's grade reports
- Most recent and previous year's standardized test scores
- Most recent IEP/504 plan (if applicable)

3 SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR INTERVIEW AND SHADOW

Once the application and other documents have been received by FCMA, you will be contacted to schedule your campus tour and student interview. After the student interview, a student shadow day or days will be scheduled.

4 RECEIVE ADMISSIONS OFFER

Offers of admission are based on class availability and student fit based on outcome of student interview and shadow day(s). Approved applicants will be contacted by FCMA by an acceptance email. We will continue to process applications as long as space is available.

5 ENROLL AT FOUNDATIONS

Applicants approved for enrollment have 10 days to complete their online enrollment, sign enrollment documents, and submit fees to confirm their spot.



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2022-2023 Fees & Financial Policies

Application Fee

A one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$50 per student is to accompany the complete online application for each new student at the time of submission. This fee covers the cost of evaluating, interviewing, and processing the application.

New Family Fee

A one-time, non-refundable new family fee of \$150 is to accompany the submission of the continuous enrollment agreement. This fee covers the cost for adding both the new student(s) and family to the FACTS/RenWeb SIS system.

Student Fee

An annual \$150 non-refundable fee per student is due with the continuous enrollment agreement in order to secure a space for your child for the upcoming school year. Returning students, who are currently enrolled, must notify the school office of their intent to withdraw for next school year by January 31st, as new school year FACTS agreements will be created February 1st. Student fee is due and is non-refundable. Student fee includes Friday Spirit shirt, FACTS Peace of Mind tuition, and student insurance.

Tech Lab Fee

An annual \$100 non-refundable fee per student is due for our elementary and secondary students. The tech lab fee includes digital software licenses, bandwidth, secure online access, tech support, and other technology applications, software or hardware the students may use.

Book Fee

An annual \$250 book fee is due, per high school student, for consumable textbooks.

Tuition

Foundations Christian Montessori Academy seeks to make the cost of Christian education and Montessori education accessible to all families without compromising the quality and integrity of the programs. No family at Foundations Christian Montessori Academy pays the full cost of education; 10% of the cost associated with educating our children comes from external efforts including fundraising.

Tuition Payment Plan Options

In efforts to help each family with the expense of tuition, Foundations has contracted FACTS Tuition Management to offer affordable finance options for tuition. FACTS accepts payment by automatic bank withdrawal (interest-free) or credit card (additional 2.85% credit card fee will apply). Payment options include semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly payments. Options for tuition payment through FACTS are:

Extended Day Programs (for Toddler and Primary programs only)

Extended Day programs are designed to provide continued care for families who need before and after school care hours for their child(ren). Extended Day programs are selected during the open enrollment period and are provided at an additional cost that will be bundled with your FACTS tuition payment plan agreement. Students who are not picked up within 15 minutes after dismissal will be taken to after care and will be charged for their supervision at a rate of \$10 per 15 minutes, per child (\$20 per day max.) Drop-in services are not available for all programs as we must maintain legal student to staff ratios and staff according to those pre-registered for the extended day programs.

Field Trips and Enrichment Clubs

Field trips and enrichment clubs are an essential part of the educational experience. Expenses of trips and clubs may carry additional costs. Upper Elementary and High School end of year class trips are included in tuition.

Partners in Education

Building community is at the very heart of Foundations. Partnering with our families provides a strong foundation on which our students will succeed. Here are a few ways to partner with us:

- **Personal and Corporate Donations**– Foundations Christian Montessori Academy of Sarasota, Inc. is 501(c)(3), not-for profit charitable organization who is authorized by the IRS to receive charitable in-kind gifts, donated products or services, and cash donations which are all tax-deductible to the donor.
- **Referral Program** – Refer a family to Foundations and you could receive a \$1000 tuition credit. Referred family must enroll and remain enrolled for the entire school year. Tuition credit will be applied to the referring family's tuition account for the following school year. Credit issued is a one-time credit per referred family and will be prorated in the event of mid-year enrollment.
- **Sponsor a Student** – Foundations offers a financial aid program for families who may need assistance with annual tuition. Families seeking assistance must apply through the FACTS Grant and Aid program. Donations made will be used and equitably distributed to families who submit an application or could be applied to a specific student's tuition account.
- **Volunteer Service** – We LOVE working with our families and often need help with special school events, educator and classroom support, fundraising efforts, and more.

FACTS Financial Aid

Families who are searching for scholarship for tuition must submit application for additional financial assistance through the FACTS Grant and Aid process.

Other Funding Sources

Families who qualify for other sources of funding such as School Readiness, Step Up for Students – FTC (Florida Tax Credit Scholarship), FES-OA (Florida Empowerment Scholarship - Educational Opportunities), Empowerment, Hope, FES-UA (Florida Empowerment Scholarship – Unique Abilities, formerly Gardiner and McKay), and/or AAA scholarships (FTC or FES), will need to bring in a copy of their certificate or award letter as soon as they receive it to have the amount applied to their tuition account. Students receiving these scholarships are to abide by compulsory attendance guidelines and other guidelines outlined by the specific award program can be found in the award handbook and/or on our Student Scholarship and Requirements form.

Early Withdraw

If the student(s) withdraws before June 1, one month's tuition (1/12th of annual tuition) is due and non-refundable. If the student(s) withdraw at any time between June 1 and August 1, two month's tuition (2/12th of annual tuition) is due and non-refundable. If the student(s) withdraws at any time after August 1 but before the first day of the school year, three months tuition (3/12th of annual tuition) is due and non-refundable. If the student(s) withdraws at any time after the first day of school, the parent/guardian is responsible for the tuition through the end of the year. Early withdrawal must be received in writing and is defined as withdrawal of the student by the parent or dismissal of the student by the school during the term of this agreement, Early withdraw does not release the family of their financial obligation.

Addition Fees

Any additional fees, such as late pick-up, lost or damaged books or materials, that are incurred will be transferred to the family FACTS account for collection. There is a \$20 monthly late fee on all past due account balances, and a \$35 NSF fee for returned checks or payments.

2022– 2023 Upper School Tuition Schedules

(Grades 1st – 10th)

ANNUAL FEES

NEW APPLICANT FEE	\$ 50.00 (per new student, one-time fee)
NEW FAMILY FEE	\$150.00 (per new family, one-time fee)
STUDENT FEE	\$150.00 (per student, annually)
BOOK FEE	\$250 (7 th – 10 th grade students only)

OTHER FEES

TECH LAB FEE	\$100
LATE PICK-UP FEE	\$10 per 15 minutes per child
LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$20
NSF FEE	\$35

ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE (based on the 180-day school year calendar):

Lower Elementary Program (1st – 3rd grades): 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuition Payment Options	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
	\$766	\$2,297	\$4,594	\$9,188

Upper Elementary Program (4th – 6th grades): 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuition Payment Options	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
	\$832	\$2,497	\$4,993	\$9,986

Junior High Program (7th – 9th grades): 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuition Payment Options	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
	\$840	\$2,522	\$5,043	\$10,086

Senior High Program (10th – 12th grades): 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuition Payment Options	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
	\$840	\$2,522	\$5,043	\$10,086

Parents remain financially responsible for all tuition and fees in the event scholarship funding is terminated for any reason. Tuition is subject to increase annually to retain and attract degreed, quality teachers as well as continuing to improve each child's educational experience. For students enrolling after initial date, the tuition rate will be prorated. Tuition amounts are based on a 12- month payment plan beginning in June and may be different from the above figures based on the date FACTS tuition agreement was created, activated, and authorized for automatic withdrawals. Mid-year student tuition will be prorated based on start date. Please refer to Fees and Financial Policies for detailed description of fees.

2022 – 2023 Primary Tuition Schedule

(Ages 3 to 6)

ANNUAL FEES

NEW APPLICANT FEE	\$ 50.00 (per new child, one-time fee)
NEW FAMILY FEE	\$150.00 (per new family, one-time fee)
STUDENT FEE	\$150.00 (per child, annually)

OTHER FEES

LATE PICK-UP FEE	\$10 per 15 minutes per child
LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$20
NSF FEE	\$35

ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE (10-Months, August - May):

	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
Full Day Tuition 8:00am-3:00pm	\$871	\$2,612	\$5,224	\$10,448
Extended Day * 7:30am-5:30pm	\$1036	\$3,108	\$6,216	\$12,432

*Primary extended day "drop-in" service is not available due to State ratio regulations. NOTE: To determine weekly rate divide annual tuition by 52 weeks.

FULL SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE (12-Months, June - May):

	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
Full Day Tuition 8:00am-3:00pm	\$1,054	\$3,163	\$6,326	\$12,652
Extended Day * 7:30am-5:30pm	\$1,220	\$3660	\$7,319	\$14,638

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for automatic withdrawals. Mid-year student tuition will be prorated based on start date. Please refer to Fees and Financial Policies for detailed description of fees.

2022 – 2023 Toddler Tuition Schedule

(Ages 12 months to 36 months)

ANNUAL FEES

NEW APPLICANT FEE	\$ 50.00 (per new child, one-time fee)
NEW FAMILY FEE	\$150.00 (per new family, one-time fee)
STUDENT FEE	\$150.00 (per child, annually)

OTHER FEES

LATE PICK-UP FEE	\$10 per 15 minutes per child
LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$20
NSF FEE	\$35

ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE (10-Months, August - May):

	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
Full Day Tuition 8:00am-3:00pm	\$1,054	\$3,163	\$6,326	\$12,652
Extended Day * 7:30am-5:30pm	\$1,220	\$3,659	\$7,318	\$14,636

*Toddler extended "drop-in" service is not available due to State ratio regulations. NOTE: To determine weekly rate, divide tuition by 52 weeks.

FULL SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE (12-Months, June - May):

	12 - MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS	4 – INSTALLMENTS	2-INSTALLMENTS	Total School Year Tuition
Full Day Tuition 8:00am-3:00pm	\$1,238	\$3,714	\$7,429	\$14,858
Extended Day * 7:30am-5:30pm	\$1,404	\$4,210	\$8,421	\$16,842

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Student Scholarship Programs and Requirements

Scholarship Programs

Foundations Christian Montessori Academy is a partner and provider with the following scholarship programs:

- School Readiness Program
- Step Up for Students FTC Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program
- Step Up for Students FES-EO Florida Empowerment Scholarship – Educational Options
- Step Up for Students FES-UA Florida Empowerment Scholarship – Unique Abilities (formerly the Gardiner Scholarship Program and McKay)
- Step Up for Students Hope Scholarship Program
- AAA Scholarship Program (also facilitates both FTC and FES scholarships)

Application, Enrollment, Tuition, and Fees

Students participating in scholarship programs are required to submit Foundations' application and enrollment documents as part of the enrollment process. An application fee will be collected at the time of application submission through our Online Application portal. Families are responsible for any additional fees or tuition not covered by the awarded scholarship.

Attendance Requirements and Verification

Students participating in scholarship programs are subject to compulsory attendance requirements. Daily attendance is document and recorded in each student school records and is submitted for attendance verification through the individual scholarship programs. Excessive absences could jeopardize the originally awarded funding amounts or funding could be terminated. School Readiness students are required to sign in and sign out on a SISO sheet daily. Parents MUST clearly sign their full name, both first and last. Failure to comply with attendance signature requirements could jeopardize funding and continued enrollment. Other scholarship programs required parents to verify attendance quarterly in order to disburse scholarship to the school.

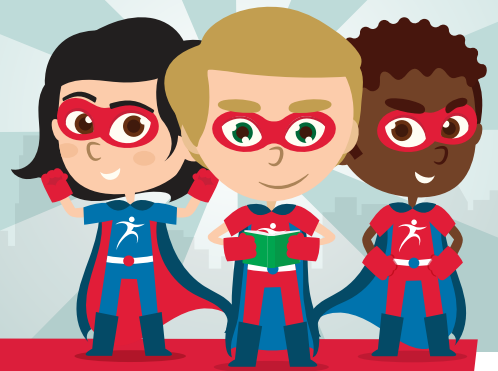
Scholarship Payment Endorsement

Students participating in specific programs have additional requirements when it comes to releasing payments to the school provider. Scholarship programs that distribute hard copy checks, are delivered directly to the school for payment. The approved endorsing parent must come in-person, to the school, and endorse the paper check within 5 business days. Checks will at no time be permitted to leave the school campus and requires on-site, in-person endorsement. Scholarship programs that distribute funds via auto-deposit, also require online approval by the approved endorsing parent. Online verification must be reviewed and approved within 5 business days of email notification.



Help is Here!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FLORIDA SCHOOLCHILDREN



Not all students learn the same way. That's why Step Up For Students exists:
to give those Florida schoolchildren who need it most, the learning options that work best for them.

Step Up For Students is a nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer five programs for Florida schoolchildren:

Income-Based Scholarships

Two scholarships are available for lower-income students: the **Florida Tax Credit Scholarship** and **Family Empowerment Scholarship**. Both scholarships give students an option to find the best schools to meet their K-12 learning needs. Please scan the QR Code to view the income guidelines to see if your family could qualify.



Special Needs Scholarship

The **Gardiner Scholarship** helps Florida families customize education for their children with certain special needs who are ages 3 through 22. The scholarship covers 17 diagnoses, including autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, intellectual disability, spina bifida and traumatic brain injury. Parents can use scholarship money toward a combination of approved programs and providers that best meet their children's unique learning needs.

Bullied Student Scholarship

The **Hope Scholarship Program** provides relief to students bullied in a public school. It gives them an opportunity to transfer to a K-12 public school with capacity in another district or to request a scholarship for the student to attend an eligible private school. To qualify, the incident must have taken place at a public K-12 educational institution, any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, including riding on the school bus or waiting at the bus stop.

Reading Help Scholarship

The **Reading Scholarship Accounts program** is an education savings account program for third- through fifth-grade students enrolled in public schools who struggle with reading. Worth \$500 each, these educational savings accounts help parents access programs and providers to help their children improve their reading skills. Students who are classified as English Language Learners, and who are enrolled in a program or receiving services that are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of English Language Learner students, will receive priority.



To learn more or apply, visit www.StepUpForStudents.org

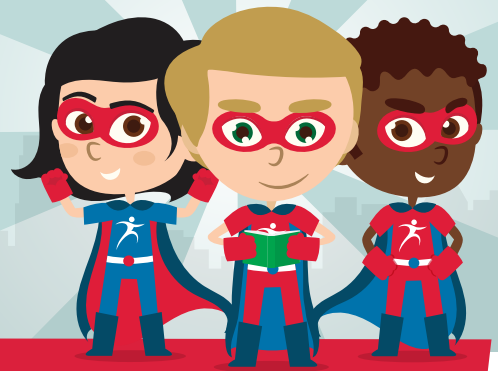
Program funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

StepUp4Students StepUp4Students @StepUp4Students Scholarship Hotline 877-735-7837



¡Tenemos Ayuda!

BECAS PARA NIÑOS ESCOLARES EN LA FLORIDA



No todos los estudiantes aprenden de la misma manera. Por eso Step Up For Students existe: para brindarles a los niños escolares de la Florida que más lo necesitan, las opciones de aprendizaje que mejor funcionen para ellos.

Step Up For Students es una organización sin fines de lucro que ayuda a administrar cinco programas de becas para niños escolares en la Florida.

Becas Basadas en Ingresos

Hay dos becas disponibles para estudiantes de bajos ingresos: la **Beca Florida Tax Credit** y la **Beca Family Empowerment**. Ambas becas le dan a los estudiantes la opción de encontrar las mejores escuelas para satisfacer con sus necesidades de aprendizaje K-12. Por favor escanee el código QR para ver las guías de ingresos y ver si su familia puede calificar.



Beca Para Necesidades Especiales

La **Beca Gardiner** le ayuda a las familias de la Florida a personalizar la educación de sus hijos con ciertas necesidades especiales que tienen entre 3 y 22 años. La beca cubre 17 diagnósticos, incluyendo trastornos del espectro autista, síndrome de Down, discapacidad intelectual, Espina bífida y lesión cerebral traumática. Los padres pueden dirigir el dinero de la beca hacia una combinación de programas y proveedores aprobados que mejor satisfacen las necesidades de aprendizaje únicas de sus hijos.

Beca Para Estudiantes Que Son Bullied (Intimidados)

El **programa de la Beca Hope** ofrece alivio a los estudiantes que son bullied (intimidados) en la escuela pública. Les da la oportunidad de transferirse a una escuela pública de K-12 con capacidad en otro distrito o solicitar una beca para que el estudiante asista a una escuela privada elegible. Para calificar, el incidente debe haber ocurrido en una institución educativa pública de K-12, en algún programa o actividad relacionada con la escuela, incluyendo los traslados en el autobús escolar o durante la espera en la parada del autobús escolar.

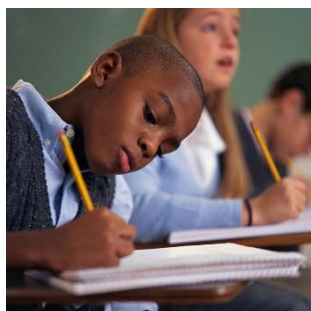
Beca Reading

El **programa Reading Scholarship Accounts** es un programa de cuenta de ahorros para estudiantes de 3° a 5° grado en escuelas públicas que tienen dificultades para leer. Con un valor de \$500 cada una, estas cuentas de ahorros educativas ayudan a los padres a acceder a programas y proveedores para ayudar a sus hijos a mejorar sus habilidades de lectura. Los estudiantes que están clasificados como aprendices del idioma inglés (English Language Learners o ELL), y que están inscritos en un programa o que reciben servicios que están específicamente diseñados para satisfacer las necesidades educativas de estudiantes que aprenden inglés, tendrán prioridad.

 **Para aprender más o aplicar, visite www.StepUpForStudents.org/es/**

Los fondos del programa son limitados y están disponibles por orden de llegada.

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Kindergarten – 12th Grade Scholarships

Florida Private School Scholarships

Applications will be available in mid-March for your child to attend an eligible private school of your choice



If your child is in a school that is not meeting his/her needs, we may have the help you need.

Your child may qualify for a scholarship to a private school if:

1. He/She is entering Kindergarten through 12th Grade

AND

2. Your household income is at or below the amount shown on the chart below:



please visit:

2021- 2022 Household Income/Financial Resources Table - Florida

AAA considers ALL household members and their income. To figure out your household size, add all the people you live with together, this is your household size. Now add ALL the annual earnings (before tax) for everyone in the household, this is your total annual income. Use these two numbers to look at the income chart below for your household size and income.

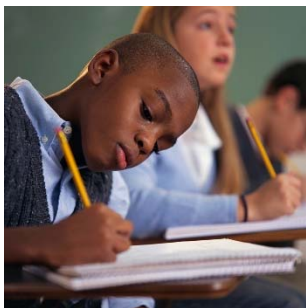
Note: Any business losses will be adjusted to zero and therefore the total income will be adjusted accordingly to determine household eligibility.

Household Size	Maximum Household Income for an AAA Scholarship	Maximum Household Income for a Family Empowerment Scholarship**
1	\$33,488	\$38,640
2	\$45,292	\$52,260
3	\$57,096	\$65,880
4	\$68,900	\$79,500
Each additional person add:	\$11,804	\$13,620

Your child must be accepted by an eligible private school under their normal admissions policy. Students must follow all academic and discipline policies of the individual school. Schools are free to dismiss students who do not comply.

www.AAAScholarships.org or call 1-888-707-2465

**The Florida Department of Education administers the Family Empowerment Scholarship ("FES"). If household income is above the maximum for an AAA Scholarship Award, but at or below the maximum for FES, your information will be sent to the Florida Department of Education to determine Eligibility for FES. In addition to the household income requirement, eligibility for FES requires a Florida student to be entering Kindergarten or, if entering a higher grade, to have been (or have a sibling who was) enrolled in a public school during the previous school year.



Becas de Kindergarten - 12º grado

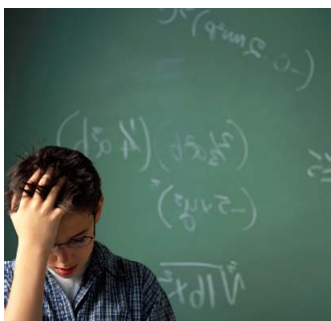
Becas para Escuelas Privada en la Florida !

Aplicaciones estarán disponible a mediados de Marzo para que su hijo/a asista a una escuela privada elegible de su elección



Su niño/a puede calificar para una beca a una escuela privada si:

1. Niño/a está entrando Kindergarten a 12º grado
Y
2. El ingreso de su hogar es igual o inferior al monto que se muestra en el cuadro a continuación:



2021- 2022 Tabla de ingresos del hogar / Recursos Financieros

AAA considera TODOS los miembros del hogar y sus ingresos. Para calcular el tamaño de su hogar, agregue a todas las personas con las que conviven, este es el tamaño de su hogar. Ahora agregue TODAS las ganancias anuales (antes de impuestos) para todos los miembros del hogar, este es su ingreso anual total. Use estos dos números para ver la tabla de ingresos a continuación para determinar el tamaño y los ingresos de su hogar.

Nota: Cualquier pérdida comercial debe ajustarse a cero y, por lo tanto, el ingreso total se ajustará de acuerdo, para determinar la elegibilidad del hogar.

Tamaño del hogar	Ingreso Máximo del hogar para becas AAA otorgadas	Ingreso Máximo del hogar para becas otorgadas Becas de Empoderamiento Familiar**
1	\$33,488	\$38,640
2	\$45,292	\$52,260
3	\$57,096	\$65,880
4	\$68,900	\$78,500
Persona Adicional:	\$11,804	\$13,620

El estudiante debe ser aceptado por una escuela privada elegible bajo la política de admisión normal de dicha escuela. Los estudiantes deben seguir todas las reglas académicas y de disciplina del colegio. Las escuelas son libres de despedir a los estudiantes que no cumplan con sus reglamentos

Para solicitudes en papel o en línea visite www.AAAScholarships.org o llame al

1-888-707-2465 para obtener más información

** El Departamento de Educación de Florida administra la Beca de Empoderamiento Familiar ("FES"). Si el ingreso del hogar es superior al máximo para una Beca AAA pero es igual o inferior al máximo para FES, su información se enviará al Departamento de Educación de Florida para determinar Elegibilidad para FES. Además del requisito de ingresos del hogar, la elegibilidad para FES requiere que un estudiante de Florida ingrese a Kindergarten o, si ingresa a un grado superior, haya estado (o tenga un hermano que estaba) matriculado en una escuela pública durante el año escolar anterior.



Grant & Aid Assessment

FACTS makes quality education affordable for families by assisting schools in awarding financial aid. We work with schools to create a custom application and collect financial data so schools can make accurate award decisions based on financial need.

After completing the online application, you will need to upload all required supporting documentation.

The following supporting documents are required to complete the application process:

- **IRS Federal Income Tax Return**, including all supporting schedules (the year of the tax return depends on the tax requirements of your school). If applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same tax year.
- Copies of **all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements** for both the applicant and co-applicant.
NOTE: If you are applying before you have received all the current year W-2 Wage and Tax Statements, please submit them as soon as they become available.
- Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss from any of the following:
 - Business** - send Schedule C or C-EZ and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
 - Farm** - send Schedule F and Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization
 - Rental Property** - send Schedule E (page 1)
 - S-Corporation** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1120S (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - Partnership** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1065 (5 pages), Schedule K-1 and Form 8825
 - Estates and Trusts** - send Schedule E (page 2), Form 1041 and Schedule K-1

IMPORTANT: If you file a tax return but do not have W-2 wages because you are self-employed, you will be required to submit a copy of your current year Federal Form 1040 Tax Return.

- Copies of all supporting documentation for household Non-Taxable Income such as: Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received.

All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed.

You may log in to your FACTS user account to review the status of your application. Please allow 2 weeks processing time before inquiring further about receipt and/or status of the uploaded documents. Application deadlines are set by the institution awarding the aid. If you are applying after the deadline, contact your school to ensure that your application will be accepted.

A non-refundable application fee may be required before your application will be submitted.

NOTE: Award decisions are made by the institution providing the financial aid, not FACTS.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

2022-2023 VPK



- WHO:** Children who turn four (4) years old by September 1, 2022 and have a VPK Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County.
- WHAT:** SDMC VPK Choice is an opportunity for parents to select the school site and program that will best meet their child's needs. Availability is limited due to school capacity. VPK is 540 hours of free education (8:30 AM-11:30 AM daily) throughout the school year for FREE.
- WHEN:** SDMC VPK Choice Dates are still to be determined. Mark your calendar to contact our office at the start of February 2022 for more details.
- WHERE:** Offered at select VPK public school sites (Contact the VPK District Office for specific sites)
- HOW:** Step 1: Starting January 1, 2022 obtain VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition at www.elc-manatee.org or 941-757-2900.
- Step 2: After obtaining the Certificate of Eligibility, contact the School District's Department of Early Learning for more information or visit: <https://www.manateeschools.net/Domain/1399>

School District of Manatee County
Department of Early Learning/VPK
(941) 753-0958 ext.2000
Se habla español

Harlee Full-Service Center
6423 9th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34203





SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

Pre-Kinder Voluntario (VPK)

2022-2023 VPK



QUIÉN:

Los niños que cumplen cuatro (4) años de edad para el 1ro de septiembre del 2022 y tengan un Certificado de Elegibilidad expedido por la oficina del Coalición de Aprendizaje Temprano conocido como el "Early Learning Coalition" del Condado de Manatee.

QUÉ:

La Elección VPK del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Manatee (*VPK Choice SDMC*) es una oportunidad para que los padres seleccionen el sitio escolar y el programa que mejor satisfaga las necesidades de sus hijos. La disponibilidad es limitada debido a la capacidad de la escuela. VPK es 540 horas de educación GRATUITA (8:30 AM-11: 30 AM todos los días) durante todo el año escolar.

CUANDO:

Las fechas de Elección de SDMC VPK aún están por determinar. Marque su calendario para comunicarse con nuestra oficina a principios de febrero de 2022 para obtener más detalles.

ENDONDE:

Se ofrece en sitios selectos de escuelas públicas de VPK (comuníquese con la oficina del distrito de VPK para conocer los sitios específicos).

CÓMO:

Paso 1: Comenzando en enero 1, 2022 obtiene un Certificado de Elegibilidad de VPK del Coalición de Aprendizaje Temprano (Early Learning Coalition). Usted puede obtener un Certificado de Elegibilidad de VPK del Early Learning Coalition en (www.elc-manatee.org o llamar al 941-757-2900).

Paso 2: Después de recibir el Certificado de Elegibilidad, comuníquese con el Departamento de Aprendizaje Temprano del Distrito Escolar para más información o visite al: <http://www.manateeschools.net/Domain/1399>.

Para más información contacte a:

Distrito Escolar del Condado de Manatee
Departamento de Aprendizaje Temprano/VPK
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FOUNDATIONS
CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Student Records Request

School: _____

Address: _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax # _____

_____ Student's Name	_____ Birthdate	_____ Grade
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_____ Student's Name	_____ Birthdate	_____ Grade
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Please furnish Foundations Christian Montessori Academy with the following information in order to provide the proper enrollment and placement of the above stated student(s).

A. All subjects and grades for the current school year plus withdrawal grades. Final grades for previous school years, along with an explanation of your grading system.

B. Standardized test records and scores.

C. Immunization and Health records.

D. Psychological/Physiological reports.

E. Any other data pertinent to understanding the student's individual needs.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

_____ Parent Name (Printed)	_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
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_____ Authorized School Representative Name (Printed)	_____ Authorized School Representative Signature	_____ Date
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Please send all student records to:

**Foundations Christian Montessori Academy
4141 Desoto Rd, Sarasota, FL 34235
Office: (941) 907-7078 Fax: (941) 907-3028**



FOUNDATIONS

CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Personal Reference Form

Foundations Christian Montessori Academy Student Application

Name of Student: _____

Grade to which applying: _____

Instructions

Student: Give this form to your personal reference. The personal reference can be a teacher, tutor, coach, pastor, or family friend. The form should be emailed or faxed directly to the address at the end of the form, or you can provide the reference with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope so it can be mailed directly back to us.

Reference: This student is applying for admissions to Foundations Christian Montessori Academy. The student's application is not complete until we receive this confidential reference. When you have completed the form please fax, email, or mail it directly to the Director of Admissions. Thank you for your assistance.

☐ Please check here if you would like to discuss this student personally rather than complete the form. Sign the form at the bottom and include your contact information, and our Director of Admissions will call you.

Reference's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to the Student: _____

How long have you known the student? _____

Please explain how you know the student:

Please provide an example that illustrates who the student is as a person:

Please rate the student on the following. Select one answer per category.

Quality	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Responsibility					
Integrity					
Initiative					
Cooperation					
Leadership					
Respect for Authority					
Honesty					
Humility					
Attitude					
Academic Ability					
Motivation					
Emotional Stability					

Recommendation:

Based on your answers above, please select one of the following statements:

___ I recommend this student to be accepted at Foundations Christian Montessori Academy.

___ I recommend with some reservation that this student be accepted by Foundations Christian Montessori Academy:

Reason for this answer:

___ I recommend that this student NOT be accepted by Sarasota Christian School.

Reason for this answer:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail, fax or email this form to:

Foundations Christian Montessori Academy Attn: Admissions 4141 Desoto Rd, Sarasota, FL 34208

Phone: (941) 907-7071

Fax: (941) 907-3028

Email: admissions@foundationscma.org



FOUNDATIONS
CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Confidential Teacher Evaluation Form

Name of Student: _____

Grade to which applying: _____

Instructions

Parent/Guardian: Please give this form to a teacher who knows your student well. The form should be emailed or faxed directly to the address at the end of the form, or you can provide the reference with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope so it can be mailed directly back to us.

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Reference's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

How long have you taught this student? _____

Please rate the student on the following. Select one answer per category.

Quality	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Academic potential					
Responsibility					
Attention and focus					
Integrity and Honesty					
Initiative/Leadership					
Following directions					
Cooperation					
Contributing to class					
Peer relationships					
Self-control					
Curiosity/Interest in Learning					
Respectful					
Works Independently					
Using imagination and creativity					
Emotional maturity					
Sense of Humor					
Self-Confident					
Consideration of others					

What three words best describe this student? _____

Has this student had any disciplinary action to your knowledge? ____Yes ____No ____Unsure
If yes, please explain: _____

To your knowledge, do the parents/guardians share your assessment of this student?
____Yes ____No ____Unsure

Other comments you would like to share about this student:

Please comment on a level of progress and achievement in the following areas. (N/A if not applicable)

Language: _____

Speech: _____

Fine Motor: _____

Gross Motor: _____

Social Skills: _____

Reading Readiness: _____

Math Readiness: _____

Writing Readiness: _____

Work Habits: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Phone: (941) 907-7071

Fax: (941) 907-3028

Email: admissions@foundationscma.org



FOUNDATIONS

CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Confidential Administrative Evaluation Form

Name of Student: _____

Grade to which applying: _____

Instructions

Parent/Guardian: Please give this form to your child's current or former school's administration. The form should be emailed or faxed directly to the address at the end of the form, or you can provide the reference with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope so it can be mailed directly back to us.

Reference: This student is applying for admissions to Foundations Christian Montessori Academy. The student's application is not complete until we receive this confidential reference. When you have completed the form please fax, email, or mail it directly to the Director of Admissions. Thank you for your assistance.

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Please rate the family on the following. Select one answer per category.

Quality	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Potential as a prospect family					
Attitude towards academics					
Respect for school policies					
Relationship with staff & faculty					
Cooperation with faculty					
Attendance/Tardies					
Tuition Responsibility					

Has this student ever been suspended or otherwise punished for violation of a major school rule?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, please explain: _____

Please note any special situations that you feel deserve further elaboration. Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Other comments you would like to share about this student:

Name: _____ Title: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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