

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the next step after completing the intent?

- ◆ Access the District McKay Scholarship website at [https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional\\_student\\_education/mc\\_kay\\_scholarships/](https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional_student_education/mc_kay_scholarships/) and read all the information regarding the scholarship, and follow the steps pertaining to your choice (public or private)

### How do I know if my intent has been approved?

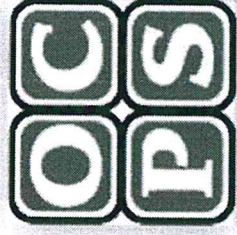
- ◆ The District has 30 days to research and respond to the intent on the state McKay website
- ◆ Check the state McKay website on a regular basis using your confirmation number
- ◆ The state will send a notification by email if an email address was provided on the application

### Is transportation provided?

- ◆ Transportation is provided only to the district offered school for the public McKay scholarship
- ◆ Transportation is not offered to other districts nor to private schools

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◆ OCPS district website [https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional\\_student\\_education/mc\\_kay\\_scholarships/](https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional_student_education/mc_kay_scholarships/)
- ◆ OCPS McKay Scholarship Office email [ocps.mckay@ocps.net](mailto:ocps.mckay@ocps.net)
- ◆ FLDOE School Choice Toll-Free Information Hotline 1-800-447-1636 and email [www.floridaschoolchoice.org](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org)



## McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program

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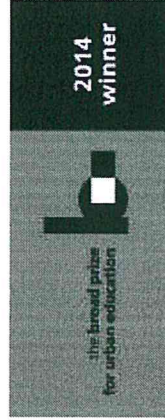
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## WHAT IS THE MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP?

The McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program is offered by the state of Florida

- A student may be eligible
- ◆ To receive a scholarship to attend a participating private school
  - ◆ To attend a different Orange County Public School (excluding charter schools) that is consistent with the district's school board's choice plan
  - ◆ To attend a public or charter school in a neighboring district if space is available and it is consistent with that district's school board's choice plan

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP?

Any student with a disability who has a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP) and meets all of the following requirements:

- ◆ Is at least five years old and younger than 22 by September 1st of the scholarship year
- ◆ Is a current Florida public school student, and
- ◆ Attended a public school in Florida during the prior school year meeting both the October and February funding (FTE) counts for that year

\*Pre K students receiving district services through an IEP, who are claimed for both the October and February funding (FTE) counts for that year, may be eligible for the McKay Scholarship in kindergarten



## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE MCKAY SCHOLARSHIP?

- ◆ Review the OPCS McKay Scholarship website at [https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional\\_student\\_education/mc\\_kay\\_scholarships/](https://www.ocps.net/departments/exceptional_student_education/mc_kay_scholarships/)
- ◆ Apply by filing an intent to participate on the FLDOE School Choice Website, [www.floridaschoolchoice.org](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org)
- ◆ Select "McKay Scholarships"
- ◆ Select "Apply for McKay Scholarship", and follow the directions on the screen
- ◆ When finished, save the confirmation number, as it will be needed to check the intent application status

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

THE INTENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE STUDENT IS WITHDRAWN FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL OR THE APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE DENIED