

Great News for Parents!
Available Scholarships to Attend MOR Catholic School for 2019-2020!

The Florida Legislature has just approved a new scholarship program that promises to bring another 18,000 eager students to private school classrooms across the state this fall.

The Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) will be similar to the existing Florida Tax Credit Scholarship (FTC), and is intended to ultimately eliminate the waiting lists for these private learning options. The bill is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis very soon.

- 1) The scholarship amounts for new students in the FTC and FES programs will vary by county and are likely to increase by several hundred dollars for students in grades K-3 and decrease by at least that amount for students in grades 4-12. Existing FTC students can keep their same scholarship amounts if they are higher.
- 2) The qualifying income level will be higher in the FES, serving students in households with incomes up to \$77,250 (household of four). The FTC will remain at \$66,950. Priority will be given to students whose incomes are below \$46,637.
- 3) Students in the higher tiers of eligible income will no longer receive partial scholarships. **All students will receive the full amount.**
- 4) The FES will accept any new kindergartner and only students in higher grades who were in a Florida public school the prior year. The FTC will continue to accept new students in any grade no matter where they attended school the prior year.

All interested families can apply for the 2019-20 school year by going online at: <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/income-based/how-the-scholarship-works/>.

Students who are determined to be eligible for FES will be forwarded to DOE for scholarship payments.

Call our school office at 305-829-3988 for more information!