

**NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP-FUNDING ORGANIZATION**  
**PARTICIPATION RENEWAL FOR**  
**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATION**



If your nonprofit charitable organization desires to participate, please complete this form and submit it to the **Department of Education** with information as requested below. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice at: Telephone **(850) 245-0502** or FAX **(850) 245-9134** or by mail to: 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1044, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

**SUBMIT BY: SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION**

(Name of Organization)

(Principal Contact)

(E-mail)

(Phone)

(Fax)

(Mailing Address)

(Mailing Address Cont.)

(City)

(Zip Code)

(Name of Principal Officer or Legal Representative)

**CHARITABLE SFO ASSURANCES / VERIFICATION**

WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ORGANIZATION? (Circle one)

Municipal (serving one city or county)

Regional

Statewide

TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ELIGIBLE SFO, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

- A signed IEPC SFO-2 form
- A copy of your IRS Determination Letter as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization
- A copy of your organization's incorporation and registration with the Florida Division of Corporations, Office of the Secretary of State
- Level 2 criminal background screening results for owners and operators
- A description of your organization's financial plan that demonstrates sufficient funds to operate throughout the school year
- A description of the geographic region that the organization intends to serve and an analysis of the demand and unmet need for eligible students in that area
- The organization's organizational chart

- A description of the criteria and methodology that the organization will use to evaluate scholarship eligibility
- A description of the application process, including deadlines and any associated fees
- A description of the deadlines for attendance verification and scholarship payments
- A copy of the organization’s policies on conflict of interest and whistleblowers
- A surety bond or letter of credit in an amount equal to the amount of undisbursed donations held by the organization based on the annual report provided to the Auditor General and the Dept. of Education and conducted by an independent certified public accountant (s.1002.395 (6)(m), F.S.) The amount of the surety bond or letter of credit must be at least \$100,000.00, but not more than \$25 million
- The organization’s completed IRS Form 990 (due no later than November 30)
- A copy of the statutorily required audit to the Department of Education and Auditor General
- An annual report that includes the number of students who completed applications, by county and by grade, the number of students who were approved for scholarships, by county and by grade, and the number of students who received funding for scholarships within each funding category, by county and by grade, as well as the amount of funds received, the amount of funds distributed in scholarships, and an accounting of remaining funds and the obligation of those funds
- A detailed accounting of how the organization spent the administrative funds, *if applicable*

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS:**

- I have read and agree to comply with Florida Administrative Code 6A-6.0960 related to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.
- I have read and agree to comply with Florida Statutes Section 1002.395, if applicable.
- I will notify the Department of Education within 7 days if personal or corporate bankruptcy is filed within the next year.
- I have not filed for personal or corporate bankruptcy in a corporation of which I owned more than 20 percent in the last 7 years.

**I HEREBY ATTEST THAT AS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE ABOVE NAMED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATION, ALL OF THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED AND INFORMATION PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT. BY SIGNING THIS FORM I ATTEST TO THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Principal Officer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print or type signature name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

NOTARIZATION ENCOURAGED

**FOR DOE PURPOSES ONLY:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SFO Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ DOR Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ DABT Notified: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Section 1002.395, F.S., requires the Department of Education to annually notify and provide a list of eligible Scholarship Funding Organizations to the Department of Revenue and the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.*