



## FLORIDA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP

### FOR STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES (“FES-UA”)

#### Information about requesting an Initial IEP or IEP Review

You have the right to request an IEP (Individual Education Plan) for your child by contacting your local Florida Public School District. We recommend that you do so in writing.

Here is a link to a list of Florida Public School Districts: [http://web03.fldoe.org/schools/schoolmap\\_text.asp](http://web03.fldoe.org/schools/schoolmap_text.asp)

Keep in mind:

- An IEP is **not required** to participate in the FES-UA program, however you may request one for your child every three (3) years.
- The IEP will assign a matrix level for your child’s disability. The matrix level determines the FES-UA award value.
- If an IEP is requested and your child’s matrix level changes, then the state will adjust the award amount to the new value. *(i.e. if the assigned matrix level is adjusted above a 253 then the award value would go up.)*
- The Florida Department of Education determines the FES-UA award amount based on the matrix level.

The award for a new student entering the program shall be based on the student’s IEP / matrix level of service, grade level and county of residence. The funding for a student without an IEP or matrix level of service shall be assigned to matrix level 253 (the matrix levels range from a low of 251 to a high of 255).

If a parent chooses to request and receive an IEP, IEP reevaluation (allowed once every 3 years), or matrix level of service from their Florida Public School District, the amount of the child’s FES-UA award shall be adjusted as needed based on the level of service assigned, and will remain at that level until and unless an IEP or matrix level reevaluation is requested.