

# New Worlds Reading Scholarships

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## A LEARNING OPTION FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Florida became the first state to offer an education savings account (ESA) program for students enrolled in public schools. The program offers parents of public school students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade access to education savings accounts, worth \$500 each, to pay for tuition and fees related to part-time tutoring, summer and after-school literacy programs, instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy.

### 2022-23 FAST FACTS

9,916 students funded in 2022-23

1,756 students funded in 2021-22

\$500 scholarship amount

### Eligibility

- Students must be in the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Must have scored a 1 or 2 on the Third or Fourth grade English Language Arts section of the Florida Standards Assessment in the prior year or have a substantial reading deficiency in grades K-2.
- Students classified as English Language Learners receive priority
- Must remain enrolled in a public school

### Top 10 Counties in 2022-23

Miami-Dade	1,237
Broward	983
Duval	881
Orange	687
Hillsborough	645
Marion	509
Palm Beach	413
Brevard	411
Polk	362
Pasco	341

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:

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| ✓ Tuition and fees for part-time tutoring                               | ✓ Fees for summer education programs to improve reading or literacy                |
| ✓ Instructional materials and curriculum related to reading or literacy | ✓ Fees for after-school education programs designed to improve reading or literacy |