



## **8,000 Scholarships Available for Low-Income K-12 Students**

Step Up For Students, the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program will award 8,000 new scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year to Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a public school, unless they are entering kindergarten or first grade. Those who qualify may receive up to a \$3,750 scholarship for tuition at an eligible private school of their choice or a scholarship for up to \$500 for travel expenses to an out-of-district public school. The scholarships provide a fresh start for students who are not succeeding in their current school setting.

This year, \$70 million in scholarships will be awarded to qualifying students until funding is exhausted. Scholarships are awarded on a first completed, first awarded basis, and applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Income limits for scholarship recipients are determined by household size. For example, a family of four can earn no more than \$37,000 to qualify. To apply, visit <http://www.stepupforstudents.com/parents.htm> or call 1 800-782-9140 to find the scholarship funding organization in your region and the appropriate scholarship application to complete.

The Florida Corporate Tax Credit scholarship program provides K-12 scholarships that currently give close to 15,000 low-income Florida students enhanced educational opportunities. One hundred percent of corporate contributions go directly to funding scholarships – not a single penny can be used for administrative costs. More information on this innovative initiative can be found at [www.stepupforstudents.com](http://www.stepupforstudents.com).