

Can Florida scholarship funds help pay for FDE tuition?

Possibly. The right path depends on your scholarship funding organization, available balance, payment category, and whether Good Combinator or a documented partner has approval for the specific category.

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The accurate short answer

Florida families may request a scholarship review packet for the GROW by Good Combinator Forward Deployed Engineer certification. Good Combinator can provide documentation for SFO review and, where provider status and SFO rules allow, support the applicable payment documentation.

Important limit

Scholarship funds are not automatic. Do not pay out of pocket expecting reimbursement unless your SFO confirms the category or you accept the reimbursement risk.

How the review works

- 1 Tell us your scholarship status**

We ask for your SFO, scholarship type, student grade band, school year, and whether the account is applied, awarded, funded, or unknown.
- 2 We prepare a category rationale**

FDE may need SFO review as an approved online course, documented partner route, tutoring, curriculum, or separate FDE credential assessment fee.
- 3 You receive a review packet**

The packet includes an itemized invoice, program description, tuition schedule, category rationale, and parent upload instructions.
- 4 You submit through your SFO**

You use your own scholarship portal. Good Combinator never asks for your login, password, MFA code, SSN, or bank details.
- 5 FDE starts on the right timeline**

Enrollment timing depends on direct-payment approval or receipt, parent-pay acknowledgement, or a separate Good Combinator enrollment hold that is not an SFO approval.

Payment paths we can support

Best path

Direct SFO/provider payment where provider approval is available.

Partner path

Documented partner route, if an eligible provider, institution, or approved program supports the specific component.

Reimbursement path

Parent pays first only after acknowledging SFO approval is not guaranteed.

Split path

Scholarship request plus family payment for any uncovered balance.

Direct provider payment

Used only when the provider account and service listing are ready. Some SFO workflows require service to be rendered before payment is requested.

Parent reimbursement

Used when a family chooses to pay first. The receipt and packet support the reimbursement request, but the SFO still decides.

Category-specific packet

FDE tuition may need to be split into curriculum, live review, or assessment components so the documentation matches the SFO category.

What families should know

- PEP is an ESA option under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship; SFOs review purchases and reimbursements for eligibility.
- Step Up lists April 30, 2026 as the 2026-27 PEP application deadline. Existing awarded or funded families can still ask their SFO about eligible expenses.
- Live online instruction generally belongs in an approved online or virtual provider lane, while self-paced recorded courses may fit curriculum rules.
- Exam or certification categories usually support separate assessment fees, not a broad bundled tuition unless the SFO confirms it.
- Good Combinator will provide documentation. Your SFO decides whether scholarship funds can be used.

Best next step

[Request a Florida scholarship review packet](#) for the FDE certification.