

**6A-6.0962 New Worlds Reading Scholarship Accounts.**

(1) Eligibility of nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations. An eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization (SFO) that is approved pursuant to Section 1002.395, F.S., may establish New Worlds Reading Scholarship accounts for eligible students.

(2) Nonprofit SFO ~~scholarship-funding organization~~ requirements. Eligible nonprofit SFOs ~~must~~ ~~scholarship-funding organizations~~ shall:

(a) No change.

(b) Verify eligible expenditures before direct purchases or the distribution of funds for any expenditures made pursuant to Section 1002.411(3)(a)2., F.S.

(3) Eligible students. Applications for a New Worlds Reading Scholarship Account shall be made by parents directly through an eligible nonprofit SFO ~~scholarship-funding organization~~. The nonprofit scholarship-funding organization shall verify the eligibility of students pursuant to the criteria established in Section 1002.411, F.S., and award scholarships consistent with the requirements of Section 1002.411, F.S.

(4) Scholarship payments. The following provisions relate to the distribution of funds from the Department of Education to an eligible nonprofit SFO ~~scholarship-funding organization~~.

(a) An eligible nonprofit SFO ~~scholarship-funding organization~~ may request a payment from the Department of Education for an eligible student after it has confirmed that the student has met the eligibility criteria in Section 1002.411(2), F.S. ~~Using the Department's web-based system~~ ([https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/login/login\\_sfo.asp](https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/login/login_sfo.asp)), ~~the nonprofit SFO scholarship-funding organization~~ must:

1. Confirm the eligibility of each scholarship student and include:

a. Student name, date of birth, Florida Education Identification number (FLEID), English Language Learner status (if known), sex ~~gender~~, race, grade level, and address including county of residence ~~public school district attended~~; and,

b. Date and time the nonprofit SFO ~~scholarship-funding organization~~ confirmed eligibility.

2. No change.

(b) Eligible nonprofit SFOs ~~scholarship-funding organizations~~ must set an annual deadline for scholarship participation.

(c) The Department shall distribute funds on a first-come first-served basis, in the following order of priority for each invoice period:

1. Students confirmed by the SFO as English Language Learners who are enrolled in a program or receiving services that are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of English Language Learner students;

2. Date and time the ~~SFO scholarship funding organization~~ confirmed eligibility.

(d) Requests for payments by a nonprofit ~~SFO scholarship funding organization~~ must be submitted no later than ~~June 30~~ May 1 for the fiscal year in which the student is eligible to receive a scholarship.

(e) No change.

(f) Eligible nonprofit ~~SFOs scholarship funding organizations~~ are responsible for the return of all scholarship funds to the Department that were received in error or associated with a scholarship account that has been closed pursuant to Section 1002.411(7)(g)(i), F.S. Funds returned must include the administrative fee if no reimbursements were made for expenditures that occurred in the fiscal year in which the scholarship was awarded.

(5) Quarterly Reports: Four (4) times a year, no later than October 30, January 30, April 30, and July 30 of each year, an eligible nonprofit ~~SFO scholarship funding organization~~ ~~must~~ shall submit in a format to be specified by the Department an electronic list of all participating scholarship students and eligible expenditures. ~~For purposes of the quarterly report, a participating scholarship student is one whose scholarship account has been funded in the current fiscal year.~~

~~(a)~~ The list ~~must~~ shall include the following information:

~~(a)1.~~ Demographic information for each student, including name, date of birth, ~~FLEID~~, English Language Learner status, grade level, ~~sex~~ gender, race, and county of residence ~~public school district attended~~;

~~(b)2.~~ Program award amount for each student; and

~~3.~~ ~~Information on providers of services; and,~~

~~(c)4.~~ Total year-to-date expenditures for each student ~~on behalf of participating students~~ by purpose type.

~~(b)~~ ~~No later than October 30 of each year, an eligible nonprofit scholarship funding organization shall provide the department a report that indicates the status of participants who did not renew participation for the current fiscal year.~~

~~(6)~~~~(e)~~ Renumbered no change.

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