



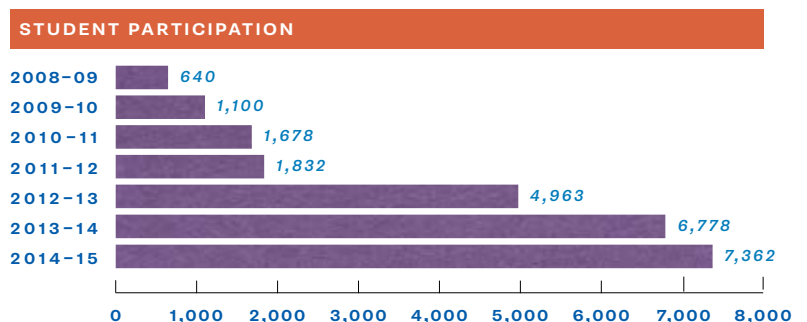
# Louisiana

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM



<p><b>PROGRAM TYPE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voucher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Means-tested and failing schools</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whichever is less: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– State and local per-pupil funding (state average \$8,500 for 2013–14)</li> <li>– Tuition, fees and costs associated with testing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family income cannot exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty guideline (\$59,625 for a family of four in 2014)</li> <li>• Attended a public school rated “C,” “D,” or “F” or entering kindergarten</li> </ul>	<p><b>ENROLLMENT CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
	<p><b>PROGRAM FUNDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$46 million</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private schools must be approved by the state to participate</li> <li>• Comply with health and safety codes</li> <li>• Not discriminate on basis of race, color or national origin</li> <li>• Use an open admissions process in enrolling scholarship recipients</li> <li>• Administer all Louisiana state examinations required under the school and district accountability system</li> <li>• Receive a Scholarship Cohort Index of at least 50 to remain eligible to accept new students</li> <li>• No more than 20 percent of students receiving scholarships for private schools in operation fewer than two years</li> <li>• Submit to the state an annual independent financial audit conducted by a certified public accountant</li> <li>• Conduct criminal background checks on all school employees</li> <li>• Maintain a curriculum of quality at least equal to that prescribed for public schools</li> </ul>	<p><b>YEAR ENACTED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008</li> </ul>

DATA UPDATE	
Scholarships Awarded	7,362
Schools Participating	131
2014 Expenditures	\$36,582,025



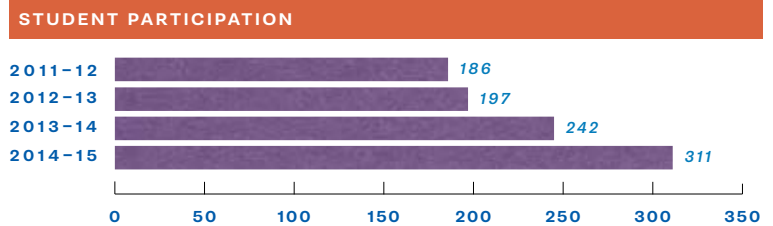


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## SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

<p><b>PROGRAM TYPE DATA UPDATE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voucher             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Special needs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whichever is less:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 50 percent of state per-pupil funding</li> <li>– Tuition of private school</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)</li> <li>• Be in need of services for autism, mental disability, emotional disturbance, developmental delay, other health-impairment specific learning disability or traumatic brain injury</li> <li>• Eligible to attend a public school</li> <li>• Reside in one of the six large parishes: Jefferson, East Baton Rouge, Orleans, Caddo, St. Tammany or Lafayette</li> <li>• Private school students also eligible</li> </ul>	<p><b>PROGRAM FUNDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$700,000</li> </ul> <p><b>ENROLLMENT CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be approved by the state to participate</li> <li>• Comply with state nondiscrimination and health and safety requirements</li> <li>• Have existed and provided educational services to students with special needs for two years prior to participating in the program</li> <li>• Teachers must be certified to teach special education</li> </ul>	<p><b>YEAR ENACTED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010</li> </ul>

DATA UPDATE	
Scholarships Awarded	311
Schools Participating	19
2014 Expenditures	\$700,000





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## TUITION DONATION REBATE PROGRAM



<p><b>PROGRAM TYPE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship tax credit—corporate and individual</li> </ul>	<p><b>SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</li> <li>Not discriminate on basis of race, color or national origin</li> <li>Conduct background checks on its employees</li> <li>Annually administer and report the results of the state test associated with the school and district accountability system to measure learning gains in math and language arts to all participating students in grades that require testing under the state’s accountability testing requirements for public schools</li> <li>Any school receiving more than \$50,000 in scholarship money must:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>File financial information demonstrating its financial viability</li> <li>File a surety bond if in operation for five years or less</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family income cannot exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty guideline (\$59,625 for a family of four in 2014)</li> <li>Attended public school the previous year or entering kindergarten, or received a scholarship under the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence program the previous year</li> <li>Priority given to students who are from public schools that received a letter grade “D” or “F,” received a scholarship in the previous year, or are siblings of participating students</li> </ul>	<p><b>SCHOLARSHIP CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whichever is less:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition and fees</li> <li>Grades K–8 (80 percent of average state per-pupil funding: approximately \$4,048)</li> <li>Grades 9–12 (90 percent of average state per-pupil funding: approximately \$4,552)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (STO) REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use at least 95 percent of contributions for scholarships</li> <li>Conduct background checks on its employees and board members</li> <li>Report annually to the state:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number and dollar amount of contributions received</li> <li>Total number and dollar amount of scholarships awarded</li> <li>Total amount expended on administrative costs</li> <li>Tuition and fee amounts published by participating schools</li> <li>Information on contributions made by each contributor</li> <li>Financial information report by a certified public accountant</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>TAX REBATE VALUE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95 percent of donation</li> </ul> <p><b>DONOR REBATE CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p><b>STATEWIDE CAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
	<p><b>YEAR ENACTED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2012</li> </ul>

DATA UPDATE	
Scholarships Awarded	53
Schools Participating	20
STOs Operating	3
2013 Rebates Issued	\$60,975

