

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

**Update and Discussion on Fiscal Year 2021-2022
School Choice Enrollments and Funding
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Changes to School Scholarship Choice for Fiscal Year 2021-2022*

Family Empowerment

- Expands eligibility to include students with disabilities authorized under McKay & Gardiner.
- Transitions funding for students with disabilities to the FEFP.
- Excludes certain types of students from the statutorily-established cap.

Gardiner & McKay

- Repeals the Gardiner Scholarship Program effective 7/1/21 and transitions students to the Family Empowerment.
- Repeals the McKay Scholarship Program effective 7/1/22 and transitions students to the Family Empowerment.
- Excludes certain types of students from the statutorily-established cap.
- Grandfathers FY 2020-21 McKay & Gardiner scholarship amounts.

School Choice Scholarships Funded in FEFP

School Choice Scholarships

McKay Scholarship Program
(Repealed 7/1/22)

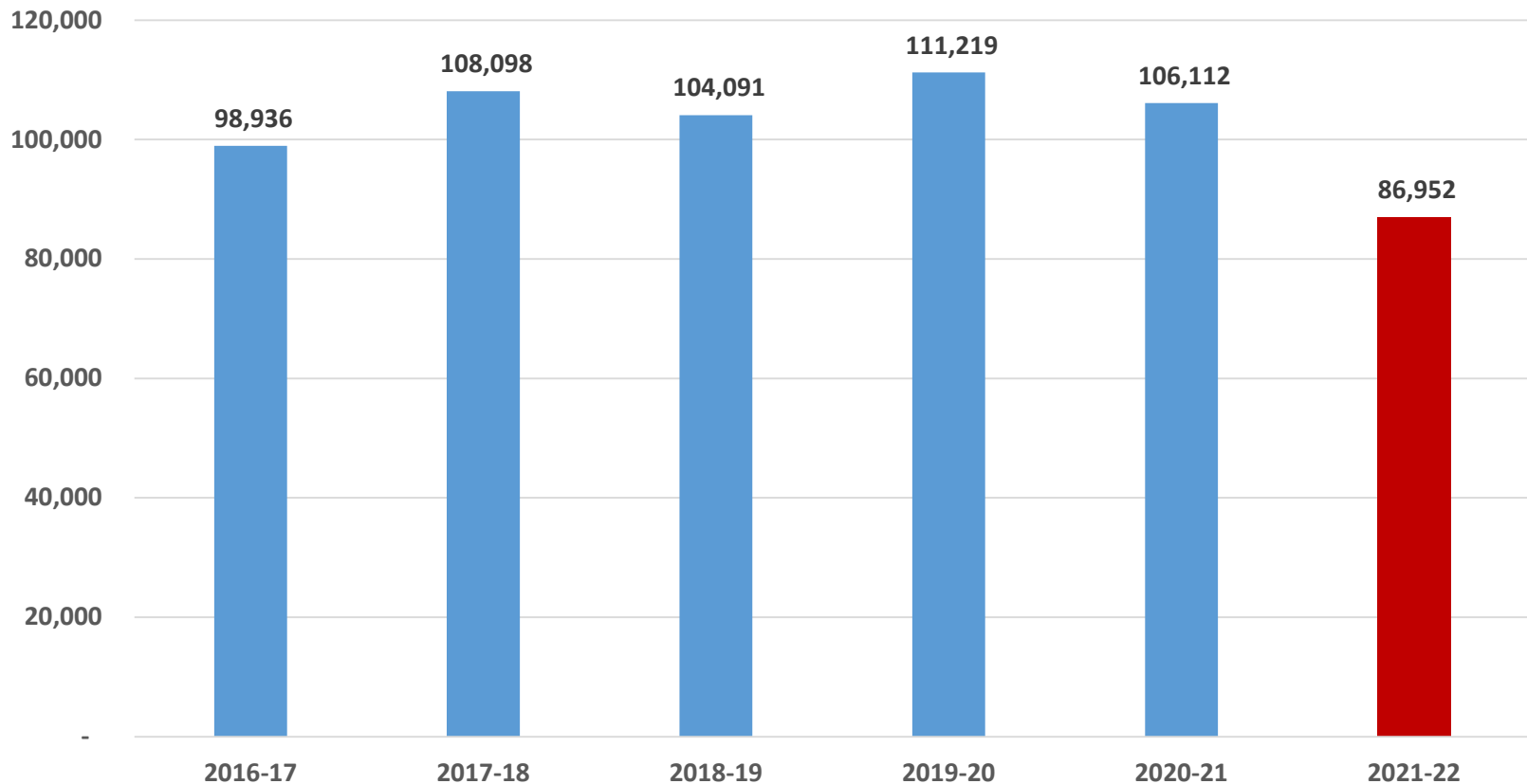
**Family Empowerment
Scholarship Program**

**Educational
Options**

**Unique
Abilities**

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Students

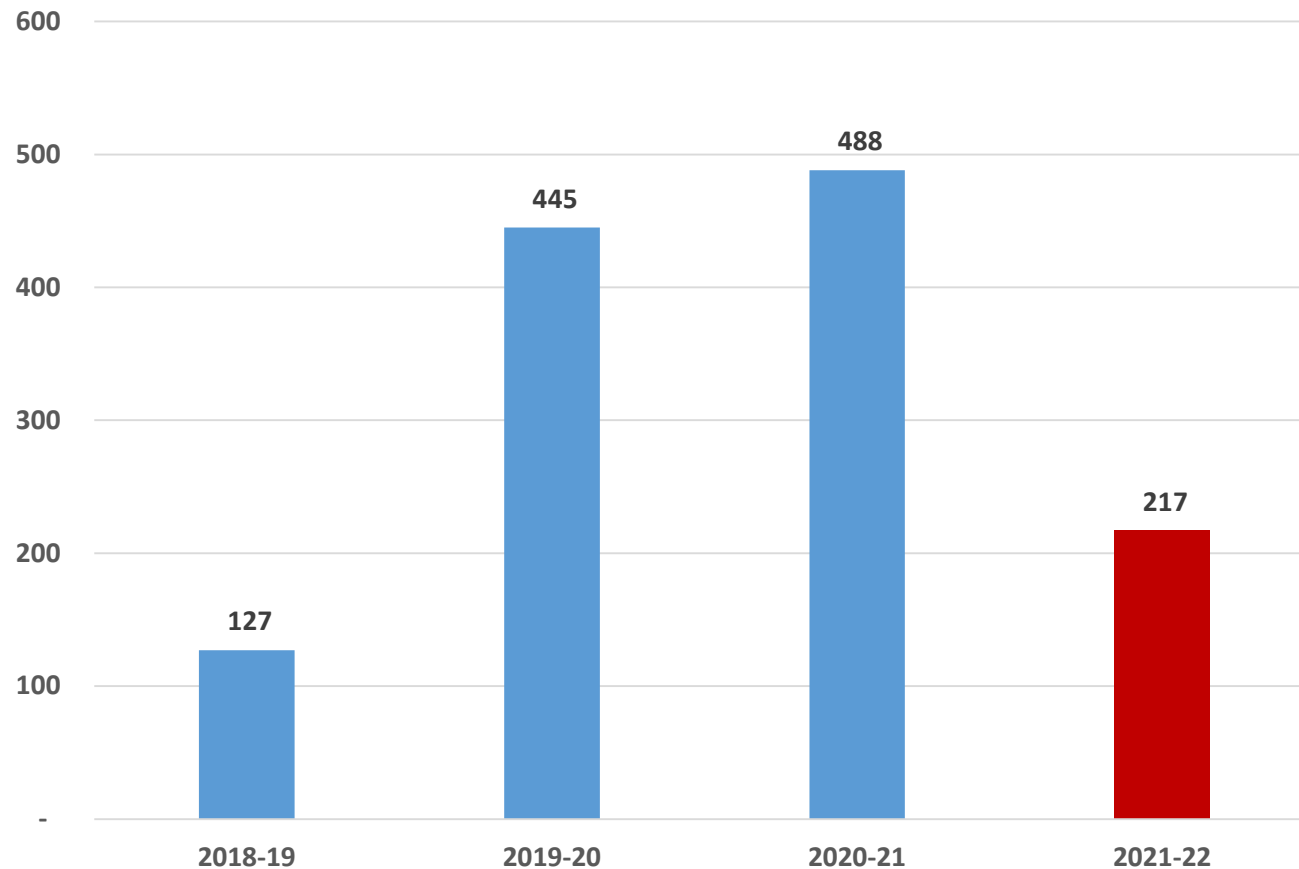
Fiscal Year 2021-22 YTD



Data Source – Florida Department of Education. The data reflects students as of 11/1/2021.

Hope Scholarship Students

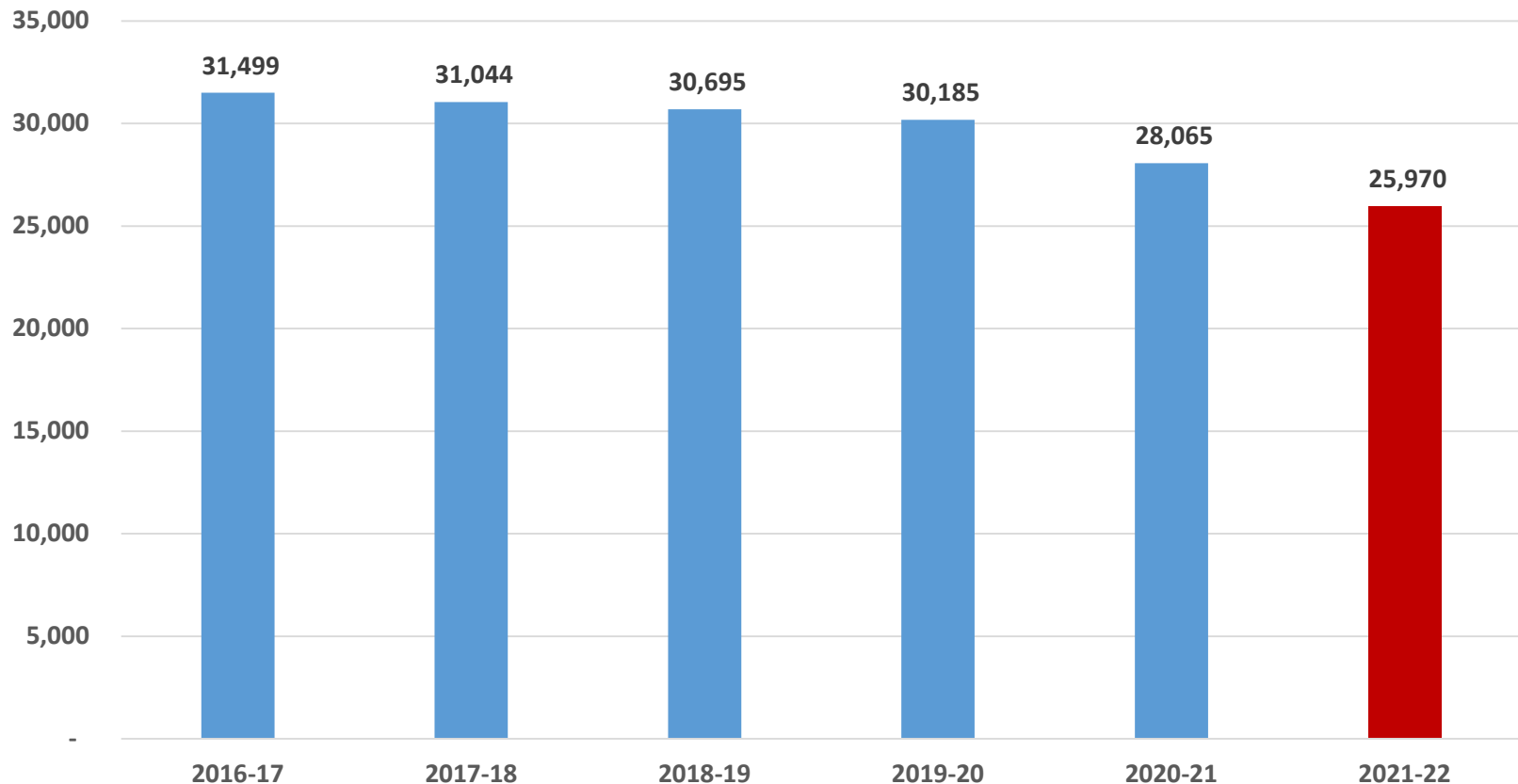
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McKay Scholarship Students

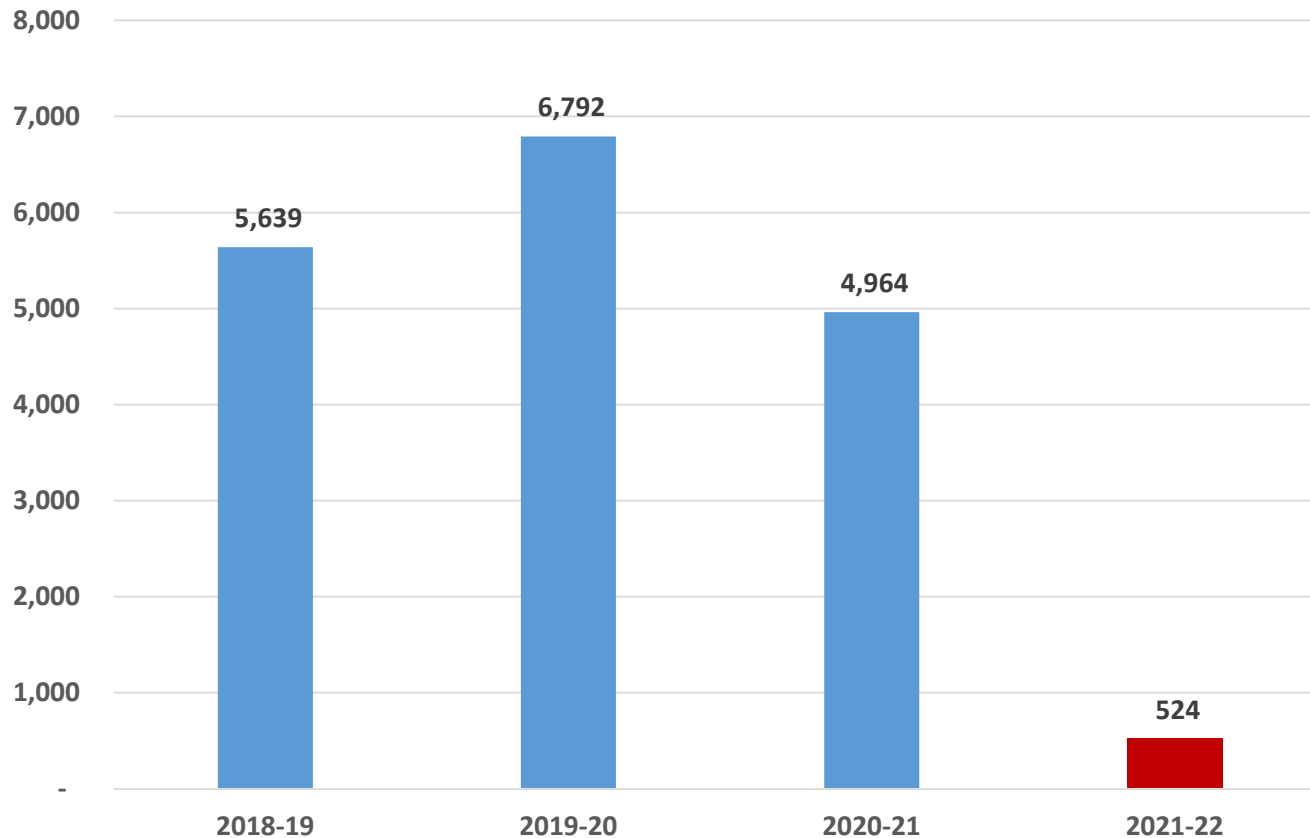
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Reading Scholarship Accounts Recipients

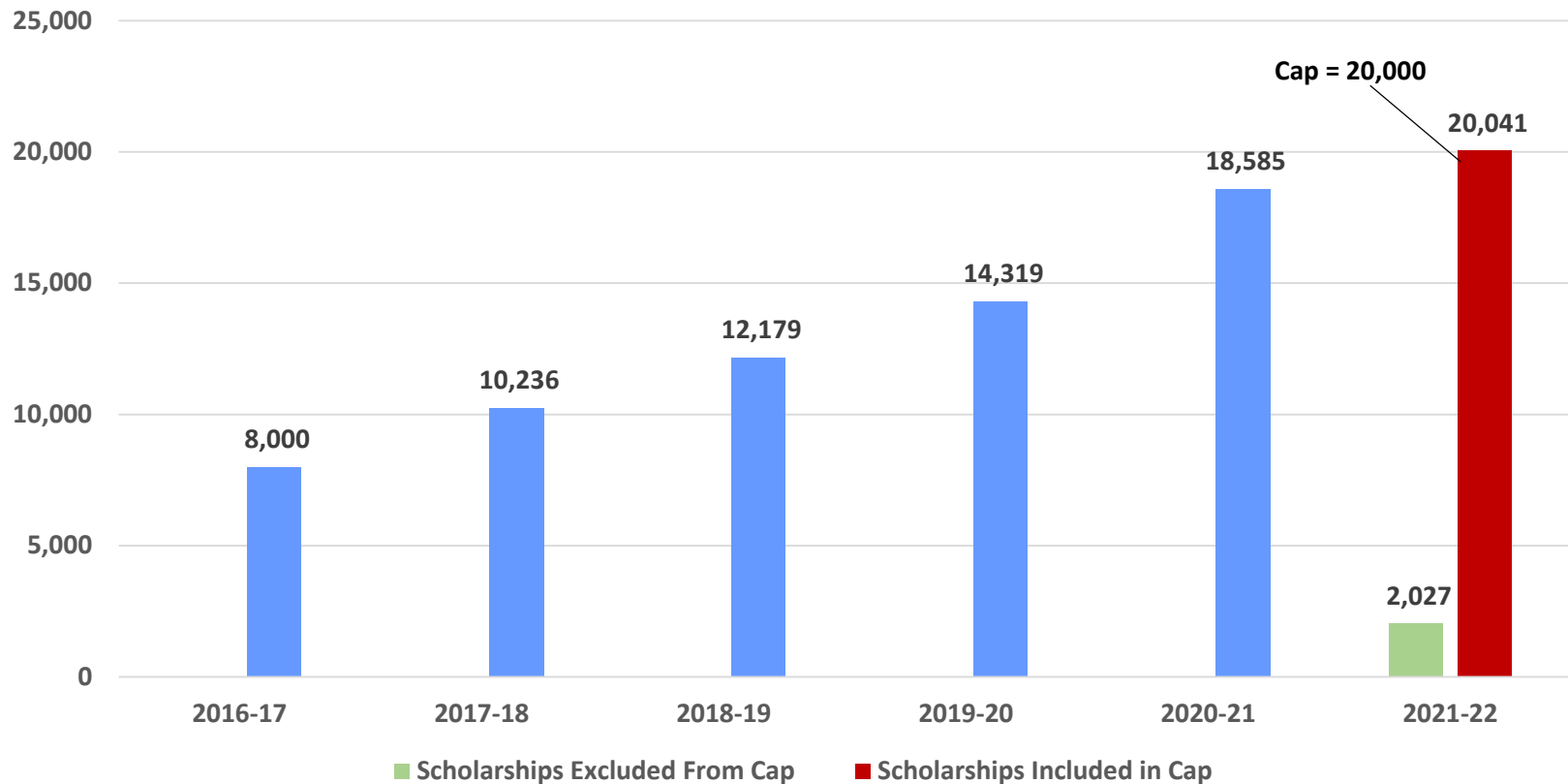
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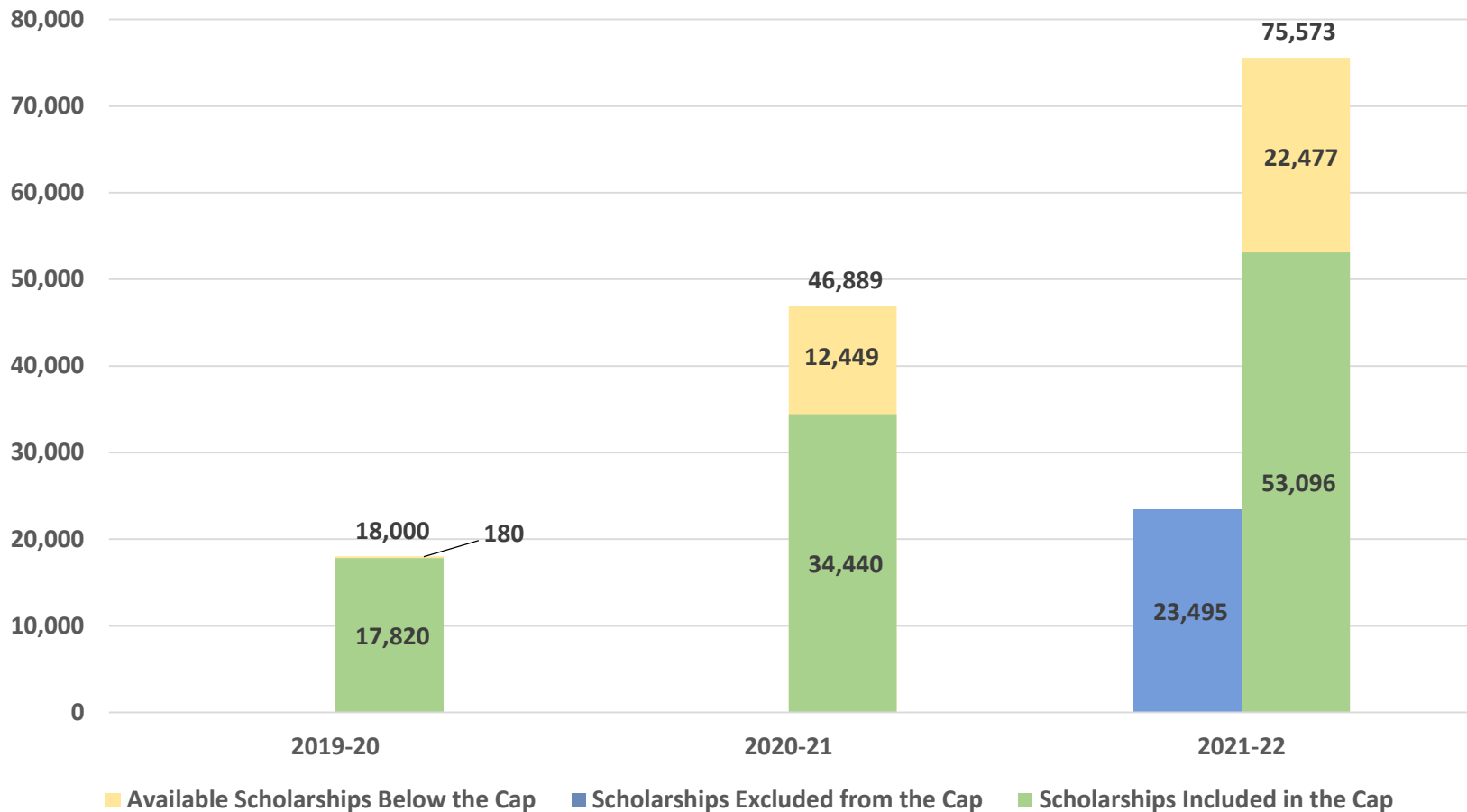
Fiscal Year 2021-22 Family Empowerment Scholarship - Unique Abilities Students YTD

(Plus Gardiner Historic Data)



Data Source – Florida Department of Education. The data reflects students as of 11/1/2021.

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Family Empowerment Scholarship – Educational Options YTD



Data Source – Florida Department of Education. The data reflects students as of 11/1/2021.

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Scholarship Funding YTD

	Scholarships	Total Scholarship Funding
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship	86,952	\$ 277,490,662
Hope Scholarship	217	\$ 380,560
Reading Scholarship	524	\$ 262,000
McKay Scholarship	25,970	\$ 126,685,521
Family Empowerment Scholarship - EO	76,591	\$ 265,561,383
Family Empowerment Scholarship - UA	22,068	\$ 113,746,715

Total **212,322** **\$ 784,126,840**

Data Source – Florida Department of Education. The data reflects total amounts paid as of 11/1/2021.

QUESTIONS

Questions for Department of Education

- Briefly describe the Choice Office's:
 - Duties pertaining to the verification and payment of a Family Empowerment and a McKay scholarship.
 - Process for notifying school districts of:
 - Number of scholarship FTE the district must report.
 - Amount of the district's state FEFP funds being used to fund a McKay or Family Empowerment scholarship.
- For eligible Family Empowerment scholarships, who makes the final determination regarding what scholarship recipients are included or excluded from the statutory cap?

Questions for Scholarship Funding Organization

- Since tax credit remittances come in throughout the fiscal year, describe the process for projecting the number of FTC scholarships that can be awarded at the beginning of the school year. If there is insufficient remittances at the beginning of the fiscal year to fully fund the projected number of FTC scholarships, what revenues are used?
- Does the applicant or the SFO decide whether an eligible applicant is awarded a FTC or FES-Educational Options scholarship?
- Describe the process and timing for notifying a FTC and FES scholarship applicant that he/she has been awarded a scholarship.
- For FY 2021-22, is there still capacity to fund additional FTC scholarships?