

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
August 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0960, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.395, F.S.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Scholarship Funding Organizations (SFOs) are non-profit organizations that issue scholarships and determine student eligibility for the Florida Tax Credit, Family Empowerment, Hope, and Reading Scholarships. Any non-profit charitable organization, state university, or eligible independent college or university may apply to be a SFO using the form IEPC-SFO-3 established in Rule 6A-6.0960, F.A.C. The Department is incorporating changes made during the 2021 legislative session in HB-3, to include the New Worlds Reading Initiative on form IEPC-SFO-3, and HB-7045, to remove the Gardiner Scholarship Program.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-6.0960, F.A.C., Form IEPC-SFO-3

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