Docusign Envelope ID: 14809B10-CF25-8D88-82CE-E8ED1AA7D44E

State of Florida)
) ss.
)

I, Alyssa Hines, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Temple Terrace, Florida. I am an adult over the age of 18 years, have personal knowledge as to all matters contained herein, and am fully competent to make this declaration.

2. My husband and I are the parents of two children. Our daughter A.H. is nine years old and in fourth grade for the 2025-2026 school year. She will be in fifth grade in the fall. Our son E.H. is seven years old and in first grade for the 2025-2026 school year. He will be in second grade in the fall. Both A.H.and E.H. attend a private school.

3. My husband and I have sole legal and physical custody of A.H. and E.H.

4. My husband works as a contractor, while I work with my family's manufacturing facility.

5. A.H. has received a Family Empowerment Scholarship through Step Up for Students since 2022, while E.H. has received one since 2025.

6. We enrolled our children in private school because we were concerned about safety issues at the local public schools. We understand that they have issues with gangs and with bullying, and we think that safety is very important for our kids in their educational environment.

7. I first learned about the scholarships when searching online for ways to afford private schools for our children. The tuition was too costly for us to afford on our own for multiple years for even one of our children.

8. I grew up attending public school in a different area, and I loved public school. I tried so hard to find a reason that would make sense to send my kids to public school. I cannot find a public school in our zoned district that would be safe for my children to attend, though.

Docusign Envelope ID: 14809B10-CF25-8D88-82CE-E8ED1AA7D44E

9. One of the leading attributes our children's school possesses is that it has helped their academic progress with the option to avoid electronic technology at home and in the classroom. The kids use books, pencils, and paper rather than tablets or computers. Since making that choice, with support of the school, both children are flourishing. The school also encourages parents' involvement in curriculum and open conversations about age-appropriate material. Small class sizes give them more time individually with the teacher. School safety while on campus is key for our family. The school is strict on parents, staff, and students taking personal responsibility and being held accountable for their behavior. I feel confident that inappropriate behavior and bullying will be handled effectively and immediately with the sole purpose to correct and develop everyone involved.

10. Without the scholarships, we could not afford tuition for our children. Because I cannot send my children to an unsafe school, the local public schools are not an option. I would either have to find a second job to afford the tuition, or I might quit my current job to focus on homeschooling our children instead. Neither option would be the best option for our children.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed by:
830C2C8A8E9E4B0...

Alyssa Hines

6/18/2026
Date

Temple Terrace, Florida
City and State