

PLSA (The Gardiner Scholarship) Policy

The Healthy Utilization of Brains (The HUB) is a registered vendor for the Gardiner Scholarship.

Here are the answers to some FAQ's:

1. Does the HUB apply for the scholarship for my student?

No. You, the parent, are responsible for applying to the scholarship. Information on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/special-needs/how-the-scholarship-works/>

2. Does the HUB determine if a student qualifies for the Gardiner?

No. There are certain eligibility requirements that a student must meet, but these requirements are set by the funding organization, not the HUB.

3. My student received the McKay scholarship in the past. Will we automatically get the Gardiner?

Not necessarily. The Gardiner has a very specific criteria for consideration. Again, eligibility will be determined by the funding agency, not the HUB.

4. Do I have to pay upfront or does the HUB bill the Gardiner directly?

We can bill the Gardiner directly; however, you must already be approved for the scholarship and have a student ID – NOT just an application number - available before we can start billing them. If you are still in the application process, you must cover your own expenses until an ID number is assigned and made available to the HUB office.

5. Can the HUB bill the Gardiner for the entire year up front?

No. The HUB is a tutoring center. As such, we can only bill after a service has been provided. We usually bill every 2 weeks once the school year has started. The Gardiner will send you an invoice that must be approved before funds are released. We would appreciate your approving those funds as soon as you receive the statement as it can take up to 30 days before we receive payments.

6. Do you charge my student extra because we have the Gardiner scholarship?

Yes and no. We do not charge any extra for tuition. The rate for classes equates to about \$15 an hour. If your student takes one class, the bill will be \$45 every two weeks (\$22.50 per week). The school year is 36 weeks (18 weeks per semester). $36 \times 22.5 = \$810$

We do, however, charge an extra \$50 annually as a processing fee. The amount of documentation required on our end to bill the Gardiner is extremely time consuming. That \$50 over 36 weeks equates to about \$1.38 per hour. If you would prefer to waive the \$50 fee and be responsible for submitting your own documentation, you are free to do so; however, you will have to pay your tuition fees up front.

7. Are all classes covered by the Gardiner?

No. Only those taught by currently certified or certified-eligible teachers.