



Florida Bright Futures - KEEP FLORIDA'S FUTURE BRIGHT

Together with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), the Florida Lottery has helped over 950,000 scholars and counting receive a postsecondary education through the Bright Futures Scholarship program. For information about the program: <https://floridabrightfutures.gov/>. Have you thought about applying? See how Bright Futures could make your educational goals a reality when you check your eligibility. [Check Eligibility](#)

- **Federal Student Aid Application FAFSA** – Awards can be up to \$6,000.00 per year. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- **Florida Financial Aide Application FFAA** - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- **Champions for Learning FAFSA Tutorial:** Champions has launched their step-by-step tutorial and is opening it up for anyone to use/share! Check it out here: <https://championsforlearning.org/12th-grade/resources/>
- **Florida Bright Futures** - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>

Florida Eastern Star Grant Program

The Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star, Charitable Foundation, Inc. (Florida Eastern Star) has developed a program that permits funds to cover tuition only for those accepted in an accredited college, university, community college or vocational institution within the State of Florida. This grant is available to Florida high school seniors, including home-schooled students, graduating in 2024. While grade point average is important, the primary focus of the Florida Eastern Star Grant Program is a student's desire for a career or vocation and a need for these funds.

Tuition to an accredited university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution within the State of Florida. It is a one-time grant for a one-year period. The amount of the award will be based on the amount available in the Fund. The money is issued for tuition ONLY and does not need to be repaid.

Requirements for submission:

- Florida High School senior graduating in 2025
- Acceptance to the university, college, junior college, community college or vocational institution of choice with the State of Florida
- Submission of a five-paragraph essay on the subject of "What does Freedom of Speech mean to you?"

****Deadline for submission: January 1, 2025**

Information: <https://floridaoes.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FLORIDA-EASTERN-STAR-GRANT-ASSISTANCE-PROGRAM.pdf>

Application: <https://floridaoes.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Tuition-Grand-Grant-Application-2025.pdf>

Contact for information and application: Lois Casaccia, P.G.M., Member of the Finance Committee; 1410 Crooked Stick Drive, Valrico, FL 33596; 813-655-1555; loismock3@aol.com

Fidelity Scholars Program

The Fidelity Scholars Program provides access to education and ongoing support to historically underserved and underrepresented students who want to attend four-year, two-year and certificate academic programs and help prepare them to become the next generation of professionals whose career achievements will allow them to positively impact their lifetime earnings and build generational wealth.

Selected Fidelity Scholars will be part of a prestigious program and will be expected to attend an event their first year where they will meet their Fidelity Mentors, College Success Coach and cohort of other Fidelity Scholars.

Bachelor's degree recipients may be funded for up to four years of study. As a need-based scholarship, the amount of financial support provided will depend on the cost of attendance determined by the college or university in which you are enrolling. The Fidelity Scholarship Program uses a last dollar approach. That means your scholarship funds will only be applied after your family contribution and all other financial aid sources have been granted.

The program is open to historically underserved and underrepresented student ages 16-24 who are permanent residents of Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Carolina, New Jersey, Texas and the District of Columbia.

- 2.5-3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need
- Attend as an incoming 2025-2026 freshman at a 4-year accredited college or university in the state that you reside
- Student applicants must come from underrepresented populations and historically underserved communities who have faced systemic barriers and challenges to economic mobility. We specifically encourage students from Black, Latino, Native American (with documented tribal affiliation, and underrepresented Asian American/Pacific Islander heritage to apply.

Applicants must first create an account on the UNCF site. [Program Landing Page \(uncf.org\)](https://www.uncf.org) This registration process will take 10 minutes. **For consideration, submit required application materials by January 30 at 11:59PM.** Make sure to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit your admissions letter and financial aid letter.

For more information: [Program Landing Page \(uncf.org\)](https://www.uncf.org)

Zonta Club - Zonta has a dedicated history of supporting women in education.

Scholarships are awarded locally, regionally and via Zonta International.

- The **Amelia Earhart Fellowship** – expands opportunities for women pursuing advanced studies in the typically male-dominated fields of aerospace engineering and space sciences. 30 – \$10,000 fellowships are awarded each year.
- The **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship** supports women pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in business management
- The **Women in Technology Scholarship** encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology and related fields.
- The **Young Women in Public Affairs Award** recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.
- In addition to the above scholarships the Zonta Club of Melbourne also supports the following scholarships:

- **Zonta/Meehan Scholarship** encourage women entrepreneurs to improve their business through weVENTURE's programs and services distributed by Florida Tech Women's Business Center. Contact weVENTURE - Susan Erickson -321-674-7007, to get their deadline
- **Zonta/EDC Manufacturing Certification** is for women to become proficient in foundational skills for the manufacturing industry administered through Eastern Florida State College. Contact Economic Development for deadline
- **Zonta/Yellow Dog Café Culinary Scholarship** encourages women to pursue a career in culinary administered through Eastern Florida State College.

For more information: <https://zontaspacecoast.org/scholarships/> **Deadline to apply: February 26, 2025**

Student Scholarship Program Through Florida Realtors Education Foundation

The Florida Realtors Education Foundation Student Scholarship Program (FREF) was founded to help deserving students offset costs for college and/or post-graduate school.

Who can apply:

- Florida high school seniors who will be attending an undergraduate college or university
- Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate college or university
- Students pursuing graduate studies

Those students considering a career in Real Estate or Real Estate related fields will be given special consideration in accordance with the purposes of the Florida Realtors Education Foundation. However, students in any major outside are welcome to apply.

Scholarships start at \$1,000. The criteria for recipients include but aren't limited to, academic achievements, financial need, leadership qualities, relationship to the Realtor family, and contributions to family, school and community. The foundation's board of directors has sole and absolute discretion over all decisions as to whether an applicant qualifies.

An important reminder to all applicants: The Florida Realtors Education Foundation Scholarship application is only available on-line. Please note that applications may not be mailed or faxed in for this scholarship. Only the applications submitted through this website will be eligible for review.

Applications will open January 2025, deadline to be determined. Find the application form and check out FAQs on [Florida Realtors' member website's scholarships page](#).

Sunrise Scholars

The Sunrise Scholars Foundation's mission is to provide free, comprehensive college counseling support to high-achieving underrepresented students in Florida. The goal is to graduate students from "best fit" universities with minimal debt. Who should apply:

A current **JUNIOR** on track to graduate from a Florida high school;

From a low-income household (\$70K or less for a family of 4)

Have a minimum 3.0 GPA

Be involved at home, school, the community or hold a part-time job.

Learn more about applying here: <https://sunrisescholars.org/application-2/>

Applications will open January, 2025

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Established in 1977, the DAV Auxiliary State Department of Florida Marie Waldman Scholarship was named in memory of the Past National and State Commander, Marie Waldman, of Florida.

Scholarship amount: up to \$5000 for 12 credit hours.

The scholarship will be granted for the academic year, according to credit hours, distributed over 2 semesters. Students may apply for and receive scholarships for a total of four academic years.

Requirements:

- Have U.S. citizenship or resident of U.S. territory.
- Be at least a high school senior.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA (submit copy of official transcript of grades from the last school attended).
- Provide a narrative about personal career/life aspirations, not to exceed 500 words.
- List chronologically the community service/volunteer activities you performed in the last 2 years to help disabled veterans and/or their families
- Complete and sign the most current applications

For complete information and application forms please contact: kadlecncompany@gmail.com

Applications must be completed, signed and either:

E-mailed to kadlecncompany@gmail.com no later than March 31, 2025 or:

Postmarked no later than March 28, 2025 and mailed to: Marie Waldman Scholarship, Dolores Roussey, DAVA State Adjutant, 407 Fletcher Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33954

National League Of American Pen Women Cape Canaveral Branch

The Cape Canaveral Branch of the National League of American Pen Women offers a \$1,000 scholarship for music in 2025!

Deadline for application: March 31, 2025

- Who May Apply: Women who are seniors in high school or college students in good standing in Brevard County and who have demonstrated interest and aptitude for music.
- Procedure: Applicants must fill in the required information on the application form. In addition, please send us a short video of your musical performance.

Submit completed application and video to: poeticlicense@cfl.rr.com or dolittle@cfl.rr.com

For complete information: <https://canaveralpenwomen.org/scholarships>

Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Incorporated will award scholarships in May of each year to graduating high school seniors of Brevard County, Florida. The winners must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or technical/trade school. The Reginald E. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc., is a group of dedicated citizens who seek to promote educational opportunities for students, with a need for financial assistance, in memory of the late Cadet Reginald E. Johnson. The scholarship award will be awarded to deserving students who have a commitment to excellence. The winners are expected to maintain an attitude and manner representing the high standards set by Cadet Reginald E. Johnson. **Applications are due March 15, 2025**

For more information: <https://reginaldejohnson.com/> or contact info@reginaldejohnson.org or steveprimus91@gmail.com. On-line application: <https://reginaldejohnson.com/application/>

Southern Scholarship Foundation--Accepting Applications for Fall 2025:

Since 1955, Southern Scholarship Foundation has helped thousands of students with outstanding academic abilities, good character, and financial need realize their dream of a college education.

Qualified students attending Florida A&M University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, Santa Fe College, Tallahassee State College, and the University of Florida are awarded

scholarships in the form of rent-free housing, offering leadership training and personal development opportunities in the living and learning community.

Beyond rent-free housing, SSF is a living and learning community. The cooperative living program fosters leadership and instills essential life skills. Residents maintain individual household responsibilities, such as cooking, cleaning common areas, managing the house's finances, budgeting weekly expenses, and organizing socials. SSF also offers focused workshops to help students grow and become community leaders. Examples of workshops facilitated throughout the year include best practice study skills, financial literacy, and conflict resolution workshops.

Application Deadlines:

Early Submission: March 15th; Fall Deadline: April 1

For Information and How to Apply: [Rent-Free, Cooperative Living - Southern Scholarship Foundation](#)

Zonta/Yellow Dog Café Culinary Scholarship

Applicants must be seeking a career in Culinary Arts.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Completed Application Form.
2. Resume of High School Accomplishments/Activities.
3. Student has a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Student must be able to produce two references: one from a parent/guardian and one from a teacher.

Application deadline: May 1, 2025. For information or a copy of the application:

zontaclub.melbourne.fl@gmail.com

Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund

National scholarships are awarded each year in the amounts of \$2,000 to \$10,000. All national scholarships have their requirements designated by the SBMEF Board of Trustees. The national scholarships are open to women meeting the requirements of each national scholarship listed below. A minimum of three qualified applicants must complete the application process for each scholarship to be awarded.

An applicant can only receive one National Scholarship in a given Award Year however, the same applicant may be awarded an Impact and an ORG too. National Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone.

All applications must be completed by May 15, 2025

For Information: [Home Page](#) | [SBMEF Website](#)

Additional opportunities can be found at:

- College Board <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search>
- Get Schooled <https://getschooled.com/>
- IO Scholarships <https://ioscholarships.com/>

- **Scholarship Buddy** <https://scholarshipbuddy.com/> You will have to register on the site in order to see the complete list.
- **Scholly** <https://myscholly.com/> You will have to register on the site in order to search.
- **Niche.com** <https://www.niche.com/> There are many categories to search.
- **Scholarships.com** <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/florida-scholarships/>
- **Unigo.com** <https://www.unigo.com/>
- [Local Scholarship Resources - Florida College Access Network](#)

Many community organizations, such as Rotaries and Kiwanis Clubs, provide scholarships. Be sure to search their websites.