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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Financial Aid Directors and Foundation Directors at Postsecondary Institutions  
Participating in the First Generation Matching Grant Program for State Universities

**FROM:** Shawn Haskin  
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

**DATE:** July 18, 2025

**SUBJECT:** 2025-26 First Generation Matching Grant (FGMG) Allocation Notice – State Universities

Please see the attached document detailing the 2025-26 FGMG allocations. These allocations represent each university's portion of the total appropriation as compared to their enrollment of undergraduate, resident, full-time equivalent students.

FGMG program institutional responsibilities include program application, initial and renewal eligibility determinations, award amounts, and notification to students. In accordance with section (s.) 1009.701(5)(e), Florida Statutes (F.S.), FGMG students are required to have met the eligibility requirements in s. 1009.50, F.S., for demonstrated financial need for the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant, which requires students to file the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* and meet the maximum **Student Aid Index (SAI) of 9984 for 2025-26**. Institutions may establish criteria in addition to eligibility requirements provided in s. 1009.701, F.S.

## **Matching Funds**

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will allocate appropriated funds to match two dollars for one dollar of eligible private contributions.

- **Eligible private matching funds** are those that have been made to a state university and pledged for the purposes of this program.
- **Unrestricted donations**, not yet endowed or matched for other program purposes, may be designated for this program. "Interest earned" on an endowment may be used for the program if the endowment is unmatched by the state and is not designated for any other purposes or specifically designated by the donor for FGMG.

Suzanne Pridgeon  
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

**Fund Certification**

- Each state university:
  - May certify matching funds to the Board of Governors (Board) until December 1, 2025.
  - Must submit documentation adhering to the Board requirements, as described in the attached **Documentation of Receipt of Donations Requirements** form, to Sarah deNagy at [Sarah.deNagy@flbog.edu](mailto:Sarah.deNagy@flbog.edu) or:

Sarah deNagy  
Interim Senior Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration  
Board of Governors  
State University System of Florida  
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- Beginning mid-August, once any portion or all of a university's funds are certified by the Board to OSFA, the prorated term state match (half in term 1 and the other half in term 2) will be sent to the institution within two weeks.
- Any remaining unmatched funds that are available after the deadline will be reallocated to state universities and colleges that have collected and certified private donations in excess of their allocation for this program.

Visit <https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org> and select FGMG for a detailed program fact sheet.

Please contact Nanette Smith at [Nanette.Smith@fldoe.org](mailto:Nanette.Smith@fldoe.org) or call 850-245-1913 if you have questions or need assistance.

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Attachments: 2025-26 FGMG Allocation Notice – State Universities  
FGMG Documentation of Receipt of Donations Requirements

cc: Sarah deNagy, Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, SUS  
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