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MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Aid Directors at Postsecondary Institutions Participating in the
Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program

FROM: Shawn Haskin
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

DATE: December 10, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program (HDGAP) Allocation

Thank you for your allocation request for HDGAP. The 2025 Florida Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for this program for the 2025-26 academic year. As specified in legislation, allocations to postsecondary institutions will be prorated based on the number of total eligible students.

The 2025-26 HDGAP allocation amount for Term 1 (fall 2025) is available on your Payment Summary screen. Funds will be sent to your institution within two weeks.

As a reminder, an eligible student must:

- Be a Florida resident;
- Be enrolled in a program of study (certificate-seeking, undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking);
- Be an active duty or honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces who served on or after September 11, 2001;
- Complete an error-free *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA); and
- Have sufficient unmet need.

Student disbursements should be reported on the Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) within 30 days of receipt of funds. Any eligible students not awarded should be reported on the DER with the disbursement code of C99. Reconciliation of records and any refunds are due to the Office of Student Financial Assistance within 60 days of receipt of funds.

Should you have additional questions regarding the program, you may contact Rain (Madeline) Christensen at Madeline.Christensen@fldoe.org or at 850-245-1820.

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