
Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program

[Section 1009.896, Florida Statutes](#)

Program Description

The Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program assists in the recruitment of law enforcement officers within Florida by providing financial assistance to eligible trainees who enroll in a law enforcement officer basic recruit training program approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (commission) at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center.

Applying for an Award

Students will need to meet eligibility requirements through the application process established by the participating institution. Applications may be obtained at the financial aid offices of eligible Florida postsecondary institutions.

Requirements to Receive Funding

To be eligible for the scholarship award, a trainee must be enrolled in a commission-approved basic recruit training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center for the purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications under section (s.) 943.13(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer.

Award Procedures

The scholarship shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligibility for awards is based on the date the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) receives each completed application from the postsecondary institution, and is contingent upon an appropriation by the Florida Legislature.

Award Disbursement

The postsecondary institution will disburse awards to eligible students each term. To be eligible for the scholarship award, a trainee must:

- Be enrolled in a commission-approved basic recruit training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center for the purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications under s. 943.13(9), F.S., for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer; and
- Not be sponsored by an employing agency that is already covering the cost of a basic recruit training program.

The award to eligible trainees shall be an amount equal to any costs and fees that are necessary to complete the basic recruit training program, less any state financial aid received by the trainee. The award to trainees shall cover:

- The cost of tuition.
- Any applicable fees required by ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7), and 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11), F.S.; however, any award for a nonresident trainee shall not include the out-of-state fee.
- Up to \$1,000 for eligible expenses, including:
 - The officer certification examination fee established pursuant to s. 943.1397, F.S.;
 - Textbooks;
 - Uniforms;
 - Ammunition;
 - Required insurance; and
 - Any other costs or fees for necessary consumable materials required to complete the basic recruit training program.

Updating Information

A recipient must notify the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) of any change in name, address, or institution attended.

A student may update information by logging into his or her online OSFA account at <https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome> or by calling OSFA Customer Service at 888-827-2004.

Transferring from one institution to another could affect an applicant's award.

Use of an Applicant's Social Security Number/Non-discrimination Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires state agencies to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security Numbers (SSN). The FDOE requests an SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants, match each applicant's financial aid record with the student record at the postsecondary institution the applicant attends, and help coordinate state student aid programs with federal student aid programs.

An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without an SSN, correct identification of an applicant's record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or a delay in the award disbursement.

Pursuant to s. 1000.05, F.S., state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or marital status. Minority status will be considered when required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

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