
Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program

[Section 1009.8961, Florida Statutes](#)

[State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.0285](#)

Program Description

The Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program (LERP) assists in the recruitment of law enforcement officers who relocate from outside of Florida or who transition from service in the special operations forces to Florida to become a full-time law enforcement officer within this state. Eligible participants will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for eligible expenses incurred while obtaining a Florida law enforcement officer certification. The LERP program will help Florida attract law enforcement officers who are crucial to the safety and well-being of communities.

Applying for Reimbursement

Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) must submit the [Application for the Florida Law Enforcement Reimbursement Program](#), applicant receipts, and a Florida Department of Law Enforcement, *Global Profile Sheet*, to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), which must contain the following applicant demographic information:

- Applicant Full Name;
- Applicant Rank;
- Applicant Type: Out-of-state Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) or Special Operation Forces (SOF);
- Applicant Originating State or SOF Detail;
- Reimbursement amount:
 - Equivalency assessment cost,
 - Equivalency training cost, and
 - LEO Certification Examination cost.
- Employing Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Name;
- LEA Payment Address;
- LEA City, State, Zip;
- LEA County;
- LEA Employer Federal Identification Number;
- Received by; and
- Application Receipt Date.

Requirements to Receive Funding

To receive reimbursement, the applicant's LEA shall certify that the applicant meets the requirements of section 1009.8961(3), Florida Statutes, and that the officer was not already sponsored by the employing agency to cover the cost of any commission required training.

Reimbursement Procedures

Reimbursement shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date the employing LEA receives the completed application and receipts for eligible expenses incurred, and is contingent upon an appropriation by the Florida Legislature. Once the LEA's application for reimbursement has been approved, the FDOE will transmit funds to the LEA, after which the LEA is required to reimburse approved LEO applicants for authorized amounts within 30 days of the receipt of funds from the FDOE.

Disbursement of Funds

Eligible applicants may be reimbursed for eligible costs and fees up to \$1,000, which include any cost or fee incurred for:

- Any equivalency assessment administered by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (commission) within the Department of Law Enforcement.
- Any equivalency training required by the commission.
- The law enforcement officer certification examination.

Prohibition on the Awarding of Scholarships, Grants, and Other Aid

Per section 1009.8963, Florida Statutes, a student who promotes a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, during any term of enrollment, **may not be awarded any institutional or state grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance** under this chapter. This language affects all state scholarship and grant programs under the purview of the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).

Contact Information

For further information, contact the financial aid office at eligible participating postsecondary institutions or the Florida Department of Education at:

Address:

Florida Department of Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance
State Scholarship and Grant Programs
Suite 1344
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

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