
Open Door Grant Program

[Section 1009.895, Florida Statutes](#)

[State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.045](#)

Program Description

The Open Door Grant Program (ODGP) is a financial aid program for students at a school district postsecondary technical career center, a Florida College System institution, or a charter technical career center created to incentivize current and future workers to enroll in career and technical education programs that lead to a credential, certificate, or degree.

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 institutions.

Award Disbursement

The postsecondary institution will disburse awards to eligible students each term. To be eligible, the student must:

- Meet the general eligibility requirements under s. 1009.40(1)(a)2. and 3., Florida Statutes (F.S.);
- Be enrolled at a school district postsecondary technical career center specified under s. 1001.44, F.S., a Florida College System institution specified under s. 1000.21(3), F.S., or a charter technical career center specified under s. 1002.34, F.S., and
- Be enrolled in:
 - An adult secondary education program or an integrated education and training program, in which institutions establish partnerships with local workforce development boards to provide basic skills instruction, contextually and concurrently, with workforce training that results in the award of credentials under s. 445.004(4), F.S., or
 - A workforce education program, as defined under s. 1011.80(1)(b)-(f), F.S., that is included on the Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4), F.S.

<https://careersourceflorida.com/master-credentials-list/>

Award Procedures

The postsecondary institution will determine applicant eligibility and award amount.

A student is eligible to receive a maximum award equal to the amount needed to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees, exam or assessment costs, books, and related materials after all other federal and state financial aid is applied. In addition, a student may receive a stipend of up to \$1,500, or an amount specified by the General Appropriations Act, per academic year to cover other expenses related to the institutional cost of attendance.

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).

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 section 1000.05, Florida Statutes, state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status. Minority status will be considered when required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

Updating Information

A recipient must notify OSFA of any change in name, address, or institution attended.

A student may update information by contacting Customer Service at 888-827-2004 or logging into his or her online OSFA account:

<https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/>

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

Contact Information

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

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Office of Student Financial Assistance
State Scholarship and Grant Programs
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

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