



**Florida Department of Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance**



**2020-21 Institutional Eligibility  
Program Requirements for Participation  
in State Scholarship & Grant Programs**

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**Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG - Public)**  
**[Section 1009.50, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university or Florida College (public community college) authorized by law
  - Located in Florida
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**Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant Program  
(FSAG - Career Education)**  
**[Section 1009.505, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida College (public community college) or career center operated by a district school board (under [Section 1001.44, Florida Statutes](#)) offering career certificate programs of 450 clock hours or more or 15 semester credit hours
  - Located in Florida
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**Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG - Private)**  
**[Section 1009.51, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent college or university
  - Operates as non-profit
  - Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)
  - Grants baccalaureate degrees
  - Located in Florida
  - Chartered as domestic
  - Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation
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**Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program (FSAG - Postsecondary)**

**[Section 1009.52, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent Florida postsecondary institution
- A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida Board of Nursing
- Located in Florida
- Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent college or university
- Licensed by the Commission for Independent Education (CIE), excluding those institutions eligible to participate in FSAG-Private grant
  - By virtue of this license, an independent postsecondary educational institution meets standards prescribed in [Section 1005.31, Florida Statutes](#), or State Board of Education [Rule 6E-2.004](#) and is permitted to operate in this state
- Offers degrees
- Located in Florida
- Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation

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**Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program (FBFSP)**

**[Section 1009.533, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Scholarships for Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV)**

**[Section 295.04, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university, Florida College (public community college) or public career center authorized by law

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent Florida college or university
- Accredited by an accrediting association whose standards are comparable to the minimum standards required to operate an institution at that level in Florida. (Accrediting agencies approved by the United States Department of Education)
- Has operated in Florida for at least three years

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent Florida postsecondary institution
- Licensed by CIE
  - By virtue of this license, an independent postsecondary educational institution meets standards prescribed in [Section 1005.31, Florida Statutes](#), or State Board of Education [Rule 6E-2.004](#) and is permitted to operate in this state
- Offers degrees
- Shows evidence of sound financial condition
- Has operated in Florida for at least three years without having its approval, accreditation, or license placed on probation

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida independent postsecondary institution
- Offers a nursing diploma approved by the Florida Board of Nursing

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida independent postsecondary institution
- Licensed by CIE
  - By virtue of this license, the school is authorized to award certificates, diplomas, or credentials other than degrees
- Shows evidence of an acceptable program completion rate and sound financial condition **and either**
- Is accredited at the institutional level by an ED approved agency
- Has operated in Florida at least three years, during which there has been no complaint for which probable cause has been found
- or**
- Has operated in Florida for five years during which there has been no complaint for which probable cause has been found

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**Rosewood Family Scholarship Program (RFS)**

[Section 1009.55, Florida Statutes](#)

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university, Florida College (public community college) or public career center authorized by law
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**Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program**  
**[Section 1009.60, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Public state universities offering teacher education programs or Educator Preparation Institutes (EPIs), **or** Florida Colleges (public community colleges) offering teacher education programs or EPIs
- Located in Florida

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent universities offering teacher education programs
  - Located in Florida
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**First Generation Matching Grant Program**  
**[Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university or Florida College (public community college) authorized by law
  - Located in Florida
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**José Martí Scholarship Challenge Grant Program**  
**[Section 1009.72, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university or Florida College (public community college) authorized by law
- Located in Florida

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida college or university
  - Accredited by an association whose standards are comparable to the minimum standards required to operate a postsecondary education institution at that level in Florida. (Accrediting agencies approved by the United States Department of Education)
  - Offers degrees (State Board of Education [Rule 6A – 20.023\(1\)\(e\)](#))
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**Mary McLeod Bethune Scholarship Program (MMB)**  
**[Section 1009.73, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
  - Bethune-Cookman University
  - Edward Waters College
  - Florida Memorial University
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**Florida Work Experience Program (FWEP)**  
**[Section 1009.77, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Public state university or Florida College (public community college) authorized by law
- Offers degrees
- Located in Florida

**OR**

**Prerequisite:** Independent college or university (FSAG Private – [Section 1009.51, Florida Statutes](#)) i.e.:

- Operates as non-profit
- Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)
- Grants baccalaureate degrees
- Located in Florida
- Chartered as domestic
- Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation

**OR**

**Prerequisite:** Independent college or university (FSAG Post – [Section 1009.52, Florida Statutes](#)) i.e.:

- Licensed by CIE, excluding those institutions eligible to participate in FSAG-Private grant
  - By virtue of this license, an independent postsecondary educational institution meets standards prescribed in [Section 1005.31, Florida Statutes](#), or State Board of Education [Rule 6E-2.004](#) and is permitted to operate in this state
- Operates as non-profit
- Offers degrees
- Located in Florida
- Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent Florida postsecondary institution
- Operates as non-profit
- A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida Board of Nursing
- Institutions must administer Pell Grant – Therefore, must be Title IV eligible which requires ED approved accreditation

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida College (public community college) or career centers operated by a district school board (under [Section 1001.44, Florida Statutes](#)) offering career certificate programs of 450 clock hours or more or 15 semester credit hours
- Located in Florida

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Educator Preparation Institute established under [Section 1004.85, Florida Statutes](#)
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**Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program**

(Formerly known as William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program)

[Section 1009.89, Florida Statutes](#)

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent college or university
  - Operates as non-profit
  - Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)
  - Grants baccalaureate degrees
  - Located in Florida
  - Chartered as domestic
  - Secular in purpose
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**Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program (ABLE)**

**[Section 1009.891, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent college or university
- Operates for-profit
- Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS)
- Grants baccalaureate degrees
- Located in Florida
- Chartered as domestic
- Secular in purpose
- Not a public state university or public community college

**OR**

**Prerequisite:**

- Independent college or university
- Operates as non-profit
- Accredited by SACS, MSACS, HLC/NCA, or NEASC
- Grants baccalaureate degrees
- Located in Florida for ten years or more
- Chartered out-of-state
- Secular in purpose
- Not a public state university or public community college

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**Benacquisto Scholarship Program**

**[Section 1009.893, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university, Florida College, or independent Florida college or university
- Accredited by a regional accreditor (HLC/NCA, MSACS, NEASC, NWAC, SACS, and WASC)
- Grants baccalaureate degrees
- Located in Florida

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**Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program (FFSS)**

**[Section 1009.894, Florida Statutes](#)**

**Prerequisite:**

- Florida public state university, Florida College (public community college) or public career center authorized by law