



FLORIDA RESIDENT ACCESS GRANT APPLICATION

2017-2018

Name: _____ SSN: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent

Address: _____
Street Apt or Unit

_____ Phone Number: _____
City State Zip

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| 1. Are you pursuing your first Bachelor's Degree? | YES | NO |
| 2. Are you a US Citizen or eligible non- citizen? | YES | NO |
| 3. Have you completed the 2017-18 free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) | YES | NO * |

***If you answered "NO" to question 3, please provide one of the following documents supporting your citizenship status: Certificate of Birth, US Passport, Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization or Permanent Resident Card**

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| 4. Are you in default on Federal Title IV or State grant, loan, or scholarships program? | YES | NO |
| 5. Are you a male, 18 years of age or older? | YES* | NO |

*If you answered "yes" to question 5, are you registered for Selective Service? YES NO

Please check one statement below and complete:

___ I am an **Independent** Student and I will provide a copy of two of the documents listed below to confirm Florida Residency which began _____ (Date).

___ I am a **Dependent** Student and my parent/guardian, _____ (Name),
_____ (parent/guardian Phone number), will provide a copy of two of the documents listed below to confirm Florida Residency. His/her Florida residency began _____ (Date).

Documents must be dated or issued a minimum of 12 months prior to the first day of the academic term for which you are applying. We must have at least *two forms* of proof of residency. Listed on the next page are acceptable documents for verifying proof of residency.

You must provide TWO of the following. Please check which documents you are providing.

_____ Florida Driver License or State of Florida identification card

_____ Florida voter registration card

_____ Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida (this must be on company letterhead from your human resources department with employment start date)

_____ Florida automobile registration card

_____ Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida

_____ Student transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple years, if earned within the past 12 months *** (for independent students ONLY)

By signing below you affirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and you have read and agree to the conditions to receive and be eligible for renewal of this grant in following years. You may be subject to penalties for making a false statement pursuant to section 837.06 Florida Statutes. Falsification of information or documentation shall result in the denial of any pending application and revocation of any current award.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Financial Aid Office Use Only

Reviewed documents: DATE _____ INITIALS _____

Document 1 _____ Document 2 _____

Proof of Citizenship _____

COMMENTS _____

Florida Resident Access Grant

Conditions of Award and Renewal

The Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) provides tuition assistance to resident students attending colleges and universities located in the state of Florida. FRAG is administered by the State Board of Education. Each participating, eligible institution administers the program for and on behalf of the eligible students it enrolls. Renewal of the FRAG is contingent upon the annual appropriations by the Florida Legislature.

1. Criteria for award and renewal

- a. Applicants must submit a FRAG application to the Ave Maria University Office of Financial Aid no later than 30 days after the add/drop date of the semester which you are applying to be considered. Students do not have to reapply for renewal as long as the conditions of renewal stated below are met.
- b. An applicant must be a Florida resident for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the first day of classes of the academic term of which assistance is requested. The primary intent of establishing residence in Florida must not be for the purpose of obtaining an education. An individual who comes to Florida as an out-of-state resident to enroll in a Florida postsecondary education institution will not meet the residency requirement regardless of the length of enrollment.
Dependent students may utilize the residency of either parent who meets the Florida residency requirements (even if claimed as a dependent by a non-resident parent) if the student has lived with and has been supervised by the parent or guardian claiming Florida residency for the past five years. A parent is defined as a natural parent, adoptive parent, or a legal guardian.
Independent students must be self-supporting for the twelve (12) months prior to the first day of the semester for which you are applying and have not taken residency in Florida for the purposes of obtaining an education.
Residents of Florida stationed out-of-state on military duty, their spouse, and dependent children will retain Florida residency status.
Active duty members of the armed forces stationed in Florida, their spouses and dependent children are classified as Florida residents.
Full-time instructional and administrative personnel of state public schools, colleges and universities, their spouses, and dependent children are classified as Florida residents.
Students receiving FRAG funds who subsequently lose Florida residency status may be eligible to continue to receive funds for a period of twelve (12) months.
Additional terms and documentation of residency may be accepted in accordance with 1009.21 of the Florida Statutes. Please consult the Office of Financial Aid for further information.
- c. Students must be enrolled in a degree-seeking, First Bachelor's Degree program.
- d. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester.
- e. Students must not be enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity, including both a major and a minor. Eligibility is determined based on declaration of major at the time of designated financial aid date of disbursement.
- f. Students must meet the requirements of the Selective Service Act.
- g. Students will be eligible to receive FRAG for a maximum of nine (9) semesters.
- h. Students who are awarded FRAG for the first time are not required to have a minimum grade point average.
- i. Renewal applicants shall have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and have earned twelve (12) credits per term or the equivalent for the number of terms for which the aid was received.
- j. Students who fail to earn the minimum number of credits required for renewal shall lose their eligibility for renewal for a period equivalent to one academic year. However, they may apply for restoration during a subsequent application period and may be eligible for an award if they have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

If you are applying for restoration, you must contact the AMU Financial Aid Office no later than 30 days after the add/drop date of the semester which you are applying for restoration.

- k. The cumulative grade point average and the number of credit hours earned for renewal or reinstatement of an award will be determined at the end of the second semester or third quarter. A course for which a student receives an incomplete at the end of the second semester or third quarter will not be used in evaluating the student's eligibility for renewal or reinstatement award.
- l. A student who earns the minimum number of credits required for renewal but who fails to meet the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average, may be granted a probationary award for up to the equivalent of one (1) academic year and shall be required to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale by the end of the probationary period to be eligible for subsequent renewal.
- m. A student, who receives an award and subsequently fails to meet the academic progress requirements due to verifiable illness or other emergency beyond the student's control, may be granted an exception from the academic requirements. Such a recipient shall make a written appeal to the institution. The appeal shall include a description and verification of the circumstances. Verification of the illness or other emergency may include, but not be limited to, a written statement from a physician, parent or college official. The institution shall recommend each exception to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA).
- n. Students must not be in default on any Federal Title IV or State grant, loan, or scholarships program or in default of repayment arrangements.
- o. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the university's policy.
- p. A student may transfer from one eligible institution to another, provided that the student continues to meet all eligibility requirements.
- q. Intentional falsification of information contained in the student's application shall result in the denial of any pending application and revocation of any award currently held to the extent that no further payments shall be made. Students who knowingly falsify information are guilty of second-degree misdemeanor.

2. Awards

The amount of the award is based on the amount established in the General Appropriations Act. The student will be notified by the institution of the amount of the award. Awards are made to eligible students by the Institution each academic term, excluding summer terms.

3. Payments

Payments are made by the Florida Department of Education directly to the approved institution on behalf of and to the credit of each eligible student certified and invoiced by the institution to the Department of Education by the established deadline. Payments are made each academic term, excluding summer terms.

Questions regarding specific individual circumstances will be answered by the authorized official of the educational institution the student is attending. Decisions with respect to student eligibility and qualifications for this program are made by each participating institution.

4. Use of 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 number (SSN). The Florida Department of Education requests a 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.

A student will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without the 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 disbursement of an award.

Pursuant to Florida Statute section 1000.05, 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 or eligibility or selection.

5. Tuition Reimbursement

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1009.89 (5) (b), if the combined amount of the William B. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant issued pursuant to this act and all other scholarships and grants for tuition or fees exceeds the amount charged to the student for tuition and fees, the department shall reduce the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant issued pursuant to this act by an amount equal to such excess.